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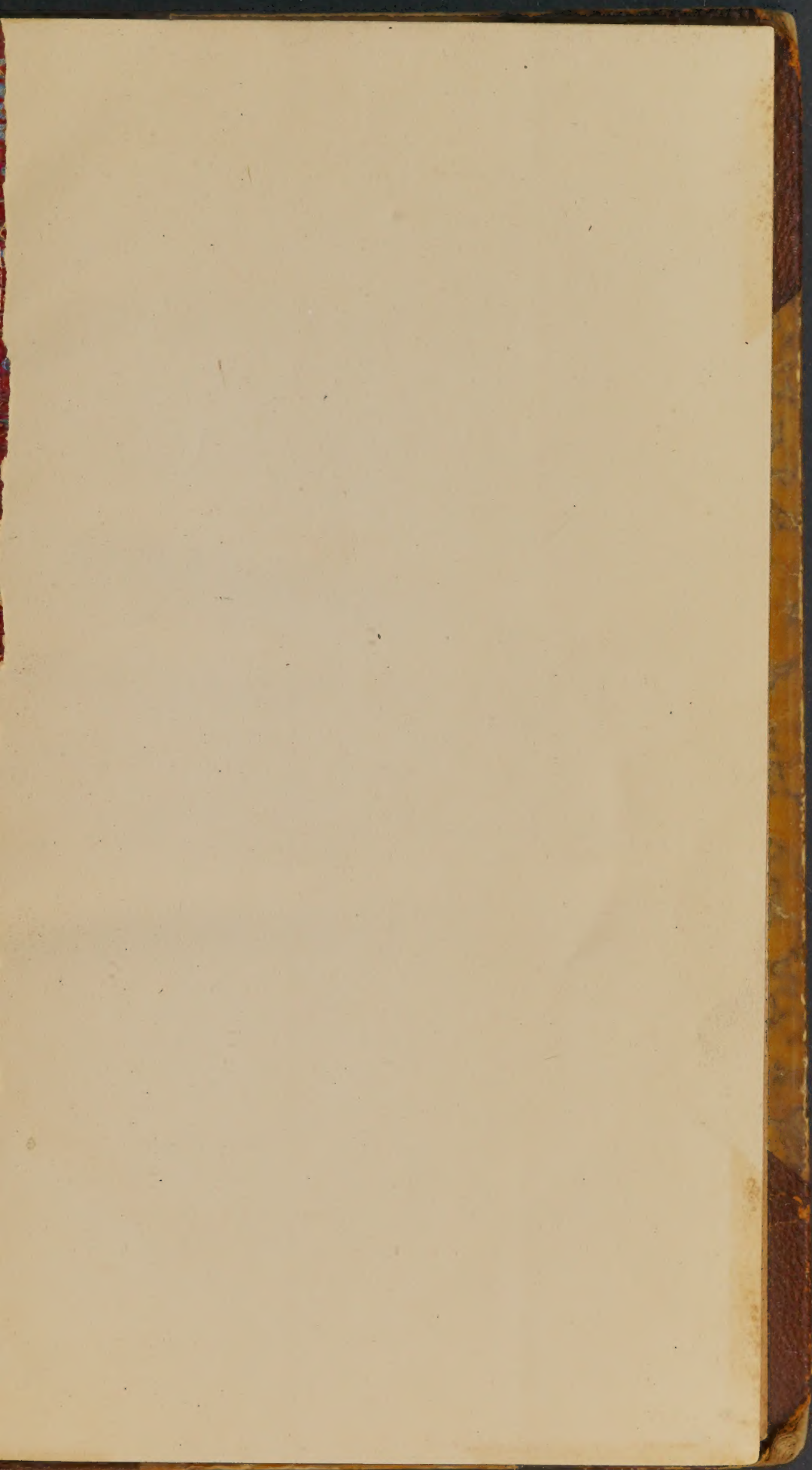




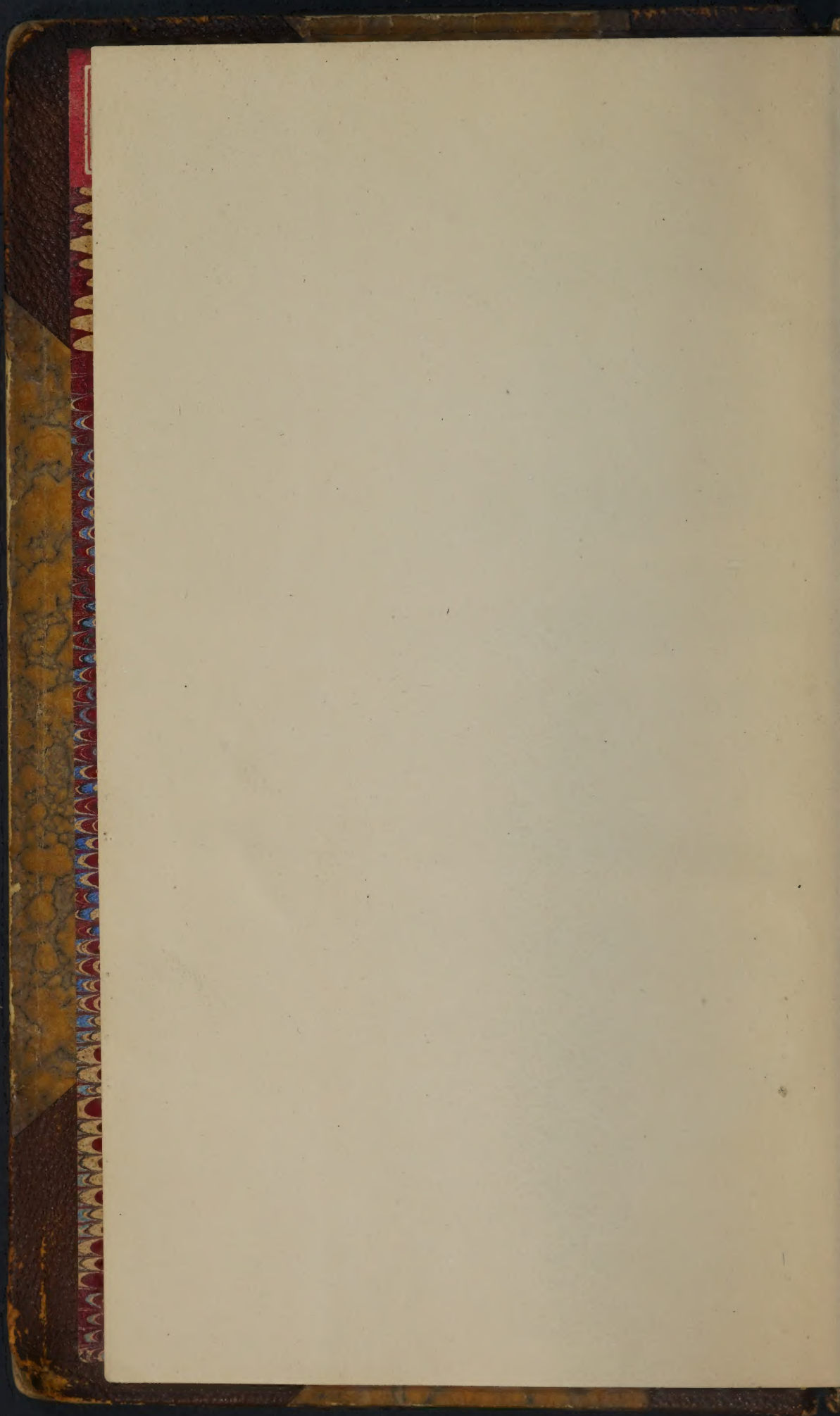
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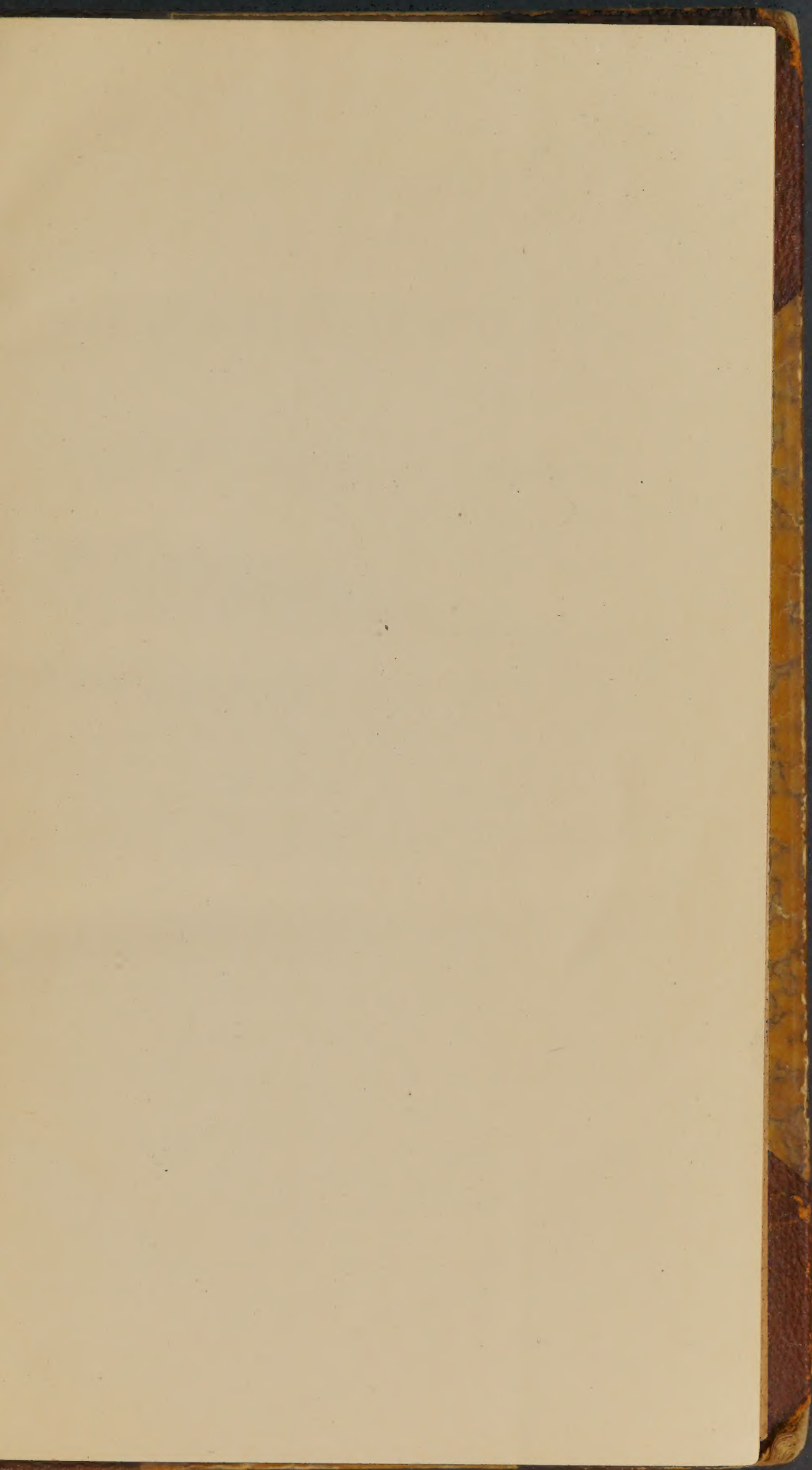




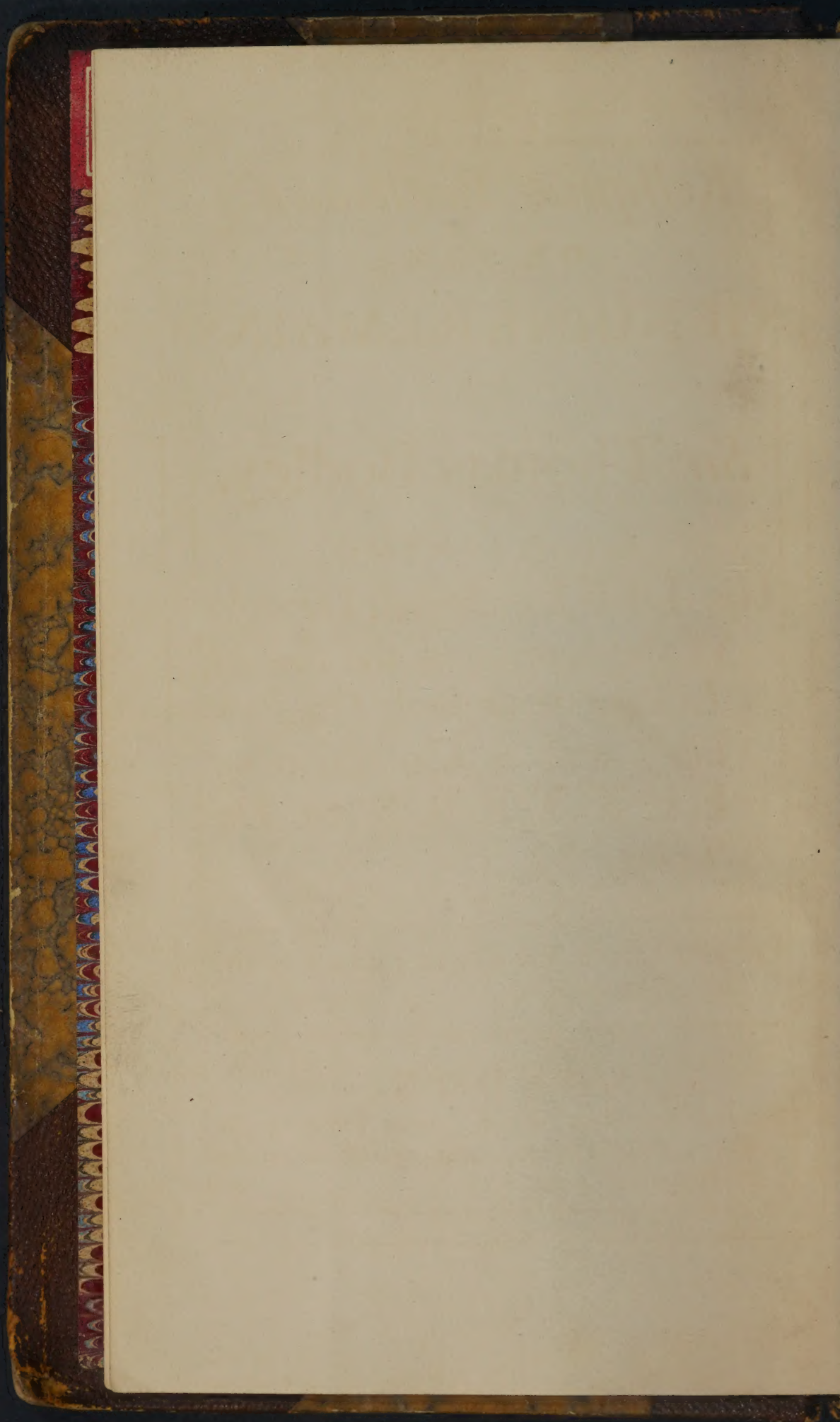














*Reliquiæ Bodleianæ :*  
OR SOME  
GENUINE REMAINS  
OF  
*Sir Thomas Bodley.*

CONTAINING  
His LIFE, the first Draught  
of the *Statutes* of the *Publick*  
*Library* at *Oxford*, (in *Eng-*  
*lish*) and a Collection of  
LETTERS to Dr.  
*James, &c.*

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§ 1. **T**HAT Learning appeared very soon in the World, is a Matter that seems so highly probable, as cannot well be denied. Upon which Account it is that Suidas ( 1 ) tells us, that all Arts not only Mechanick, but Liberal also, owe their original to Adam. And this appears too especially from this, That all humane Literature is owing to the Jews, as is affirmed not only by modern Writers, but also by the ancient Jews and Christians in their Disputes against the Heathens, and in their Apologies for their own Religion. Thus Clemens Alexandrinus ( 2 ) tells us, that Aristobulus a Jew affirmed of Plato ; that if any should be so curious as to search into and examine his Writings, he would soon find that he was beholding to the Jews for the most useful Passages in his Books : and the like is asserted by Eusebius ( 3 ) ; And Josephus against Appion ( 4 ) positively affirms of  
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( 1 ) In Voc. 'Αδάμ. ( 2 ) Strom. α. ( 3 ) Præp. Evang. L. 9. C. 6. ( 4 ) L. 1.



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Pythagoras, *That he not only understood the Jewish Discipline, but also greedily embraced several things which were contained in it. To the like Purpose Tertullian (1), Justin Martyr (2), &c. And not only the Jews and Christians are unanimous in this Matter, but even the Heathens themselves allow it; as I could easily shew, if it were consistent with my present Purpose.*

§ 2. *As Letters were very early, so it seems Libraries were not very long after them (3): Because whatsoever things of Moment were committed to Writing, were so much the more useful, as they were preserved carefully in such kind of Repositories. Therefore it is probable, that Libraries were first of all built by Private Persons for their own particular Use, and that afterwards they came to be the peculiar Care of Kings, Princes, &c. Thus Olymanduas King of Ægypt built a famous Library, upon the Front whereof he put this Inscription, ΨΥΧΗΣ ΙΑΤΡΕΙΟΝ (4.) This is the First Library of any Note that we read of to have pertained to any King. And without doubt his Successors followed this Example of his, tho' we have no particular Record for it. This made Naucrates accuse Homer as a Plagiary, as Eustathius will*

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(1) *Apol. C. XLVII.* (2) *Apol. II.* (3) *Lips. Syntag. de Bibliothecis, C. I.* (4) *Dicd. Sic. Bibl. L. I. P. 45. Hannov. MDCIV.*



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will tell you (1); as if he were beholding to some Ægyptian Library both for his Iliad and Odysses.

§ 3. BUT of all the Libraries of the Ægyptian Kings, that of Ptolemy Philadelphus the Son of Ptolemy Lagi was most famous, and ought more particularly to be taken Notice of. In which he seems to have followed Aristotle, who was very curious in collecting of Books, and the very first, as Strabo tells (2) us, who made any noble Collection of Books, and took Care they should be placed in a Library prepared on Purpose for them.

§ 4. WHICH Library of Ptolemy contained, according to the Account of Seneca 400000 (3), according to Josephus (4) 200000 Volumes, tho' his Librarian Demeetrius told him (5) that the Number (upon a time he asked him about that Particular) would soon arise to 700000. And that it did so, we have the Authority of Aul. Gellius (6), Ammianus Marcellinus (7), and Isidorus; altho' in Isidorus the Word SEPTUAGINTA is to be corrected SEPTINGENTA.

§ 5. NOW this Number of Books in Ptolemy's Library is a considerable Argument

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(1) Præf. in Odyss. (2) L. XIII. P. 608. Par. MDCXX.  
(3) Senec. de Tranquill. C. IX. (4) Lib. XII. C. 2. (5) Joseph.  
Ibid. (6) L. VI. C. ult. (7) L. XXII.



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*ment to prove that the Ancients did excel the Moderns in Literature, notwithstanding what Mr. Wotton may say to the contrary. For these were all without Doubt Originals, and must consequently exceed any of our Libraries, tho' even we had any that contained the same Number, as we have not. And they had born the Publick Test; whereas what is now published is mostly Trash, and it is impossible some of them should not creep into our most choice Libraries; not to mention the Variety of Editions of one particular Author, which could not then so well happen by Reason of the want of Printing. This Position about the Degeneration of Wits is not new, but of great Standing, and was always accounted one Argument against the Æternity of the World. This shews the Younger Plinie to have been an Aristotelian, he being (1) of the contrary Opinion; and Aristotle being the first who after Ocellus Lucanus asserted this Æternity. And the Stoicks and Epicureans were of the quite contrary Opinion, and Lucretius uses (2) the very same Words, (in the contrary Sense) with the aforesaid Plinie against such an Æternity.*

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(1) L. VI. Ep. 21. (2) Lucret. L. II. de Nat. rer.

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§ 6. *IN these more Eastern Soils were planted and cultivated (1) those mighty Growths of Astronomy, Astrology, Magick, Geometry, Natural Philosophy and Ancient Story. From these Sources Orpheus, Homer, Lycurgus, Pythagoras, Plato and others of the Ancients, are acknowledged to have drawn all those Depths of Knowledge and Learning, which have made them so renowned in all succeeding Ages. And in one Word, nothing is more agreed upon, than that all the Learning of the Greeks was derived originally from Ægypt or Phœnicia, and so primarily from the Jews.*

§ 7. *THUS when Learning came to flourish in Greece, the Use of Libraries became frequent there also. This made Athenæus (2) call his Laurentius a Polycrates, a Pisistratus, an Euclid, a Nicocrates, an Euripides, an Aristotle, all these being famous as well as Laurentius himself in collecting of Books. Hence we hear of the Attalic or Pergamene Library built by Eumenes the Son of King Attalus (3). Hence the Romans also took Example, and became ambitious of Honour that Way, though the first (4) Roman we know of that built a Publick-Library was Asinius Pollio, which was in his Atrium Libertatis,*

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(1) Sir William Temple's *Essay upon Ancient and Modern Learning*. P. 8. Lond. MDCXC. (2) L. I. (3) Strabo L. XIII. Plin. L. XIII. C. II. (4) Pl. L. XXXIV. C. 2.



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bertatis, as Suetonius observes; *tho' the like had been attempted before by Julius Cæsar (1). After this we hear of the Octavian (2), the Palatine (3), Tiberian (4), Capitoline (5), and a great many other Libraries, which I shall not here specify.*

§ 8. *AS Learning thus extended it self Westwards, Libraries became also in Fashion in other Parts. And amongst the rest, when Britain became civilized by the Romans (6), then Arts also flourished here: But what Progress they made, is a Point very difficult to be solved. However it is certain that even before the Romans Time Learning had appeared in this Island, and all the Liberal Arts were here taught. This appears from what Julius Cæsar says (7) of the Druids: As, That they disputed concerning the Stars and their Motion, the Magnitude of the World and Earth, of the Force and Power of the Gods; which comprehended Astronomy, Cosmography, Geometry, Metaphysics, and Physiology. That they were the Performers of Divine Rites, and took Care of all Publick and Private Sacrifices. That they were the Interpreters of Religion, and were the sole Determiners of all Publick and Private Controversies, and were of Opinion that*

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(1) Suet. in Vit. J. Cæsar. (2) Dion. Cass. I. XLIX. (3) Suet. August. C. XXIX. (4) Aul. Gell. L. XIII. C. 18. (5) Euseb. in Rebus Commodi Imp. (6) see Tacitus's Life of Agricola. (7) De Bell. Gall. L. VI.

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*that the Soul does not perish, thinking that the most prevalent Motive to Virtue, is to cast away all Fear of Death: This comprehended Ethicks, Politicks, Law and Divinity. And from the same Cæsar it is further to be observed, that their manner of teaching very little differed from what is practised in our Modern Universities. For from forreign Parts, especially Gaul, great Numbers of young Men continually flocked into this Island, for the Sake of Instruction. And they seem to have had all the Rights and Priviledges of an University. For they were exempted from the Services of War, and paid no Taxes, as the rest of the People did; and when a certain Number of Years were expired, they seem to have been preferred to some Degrees. For Cæsar farther observes that they continued in this kind of Discipline XX Years, which little differs from the space now allotted for Dr. of Divinity.*

§ 9. *WITHOUT Doubt they received these Customs from the Phœnicians, and not from the Greeks, as some would have us believe. For the Phœnicians were the first who passed the Mediterranean, and accustomed themselves to build great Ships, and to make long and tedious Voyages. And when they became thus to accustome themselves, then it is that we hear of Danaus and his great Ship Penteconteros, or Fifty Oars, in which*  
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he came out of Ægypt into Greece, and whereof an imperfect Account may be gathered, from the famous Chronicon Marmoreum now remaining in the Theatre Yard at Oxford (1):

ΑΦΟΤΝΑΤ.....Η.....ΩΝΕΞΑΙΓΤΠΤΟΤΙΣΤΗΝ  
ΕΛΛΑΔΑΕΠΛΕΤΣΕΚΑΙΩΝΟΜΑΣΘΗΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΝΤΟ  
ΡΟΣΚΑΙΙΔΑΝΑΟΥΤΩΤΑΤΕΡΕΣ.....ΩΝΗΚΑΙΒΑ...  
ΛΑΡΤΩΚΑΙΕΛΙΚΗΚΑΙΑΡΧΕΔΙΚΗΑΠΟΚΛΗΡΟΘΕΙΣΑ  
ΤΠΟΤΩΝΑΣΙΠΩΝ.....ΑΝΤ...ΚΑΙΕΘΤΣΑΝΕ  
ΠΙΤΗΣΑΚΤΗΣΕΜΠΑΡΑ...ΑΔΙΕΝΛΙΝΔΩΤΗΣΡΟΔΙ  
ΑΣΕΤΗΧΗΔΔΠΙΒΑΣΙΛΕΤΟ.....

That is according to the decyphering of the  
Learned Editors:

Since the Ship sailed from Ægypt into Greece, and was called Penteconteros, and the Daughters of Danaus Amy-mone, and B.....and Helice, and Archedice being chosen from the rest built a Temple, and sacrificed upon the Shoar [in Para-adi] in Lindus a City of Rhodes, MCCXLVII. Years, Eri-ethonius being King of Athens:

Which was according to Lydiat's Computation, MDXXXIX. before Christ. And that the Phœnicians frequently sailed hither for our Tin, is a Matter delivered by the Ancients (2), and hath been sufficiently proved by those who have written of our Antiquities.

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(1) Marm. Oxon. P. 157. (2) Strabo. III. and other Ancient Geographers, &c.

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§ 10. *HOWEVER*, notwithstanding Learning was so early in Britain, yet the Druids seem to have had no occasion for Libraries, because their Doctrines, as Cæsar observes (1), were not committed to Writing. And therefore to stay any longer upon them would be to little purpose. And to as little would it be to give a tedious Account of the University founded by King Blaldud, as Geoffery of Monmouth hath feigned (2), at Stanford in Lincolnshire, and of which John Harding writes thus : (3)

Standford he made the Sanford hight this day,  
In which he made an Univerlitce :  
His Philosophers, as Merlin doth say,  
Had Scholars full of great Vabilitce,  
Studying ever alwaye in Unitee,  
In all the seven liberal Science,  
For to purchase Wisdome and Sapience.

Altho' I must acknowledge that I am not of their Mind who utterly disclaim Geoffery's Authority, as if every thing he said were false.

§ 11. I shall therefore make a large Step, and descend down as low as the time of King Alfred, who restored the University of Oxford, after it had been destroyed in the Saxon and Danish Broyles ; altho' the Cantabrigians will have it, that he was the first Founder, notwithstanding what our two Celebrated Antiquaries,

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(1) *Loco cit.* (2) Galfrid. Mon. L. II. C. 10. (3) *In Chron.*  
Edit. Lond. MDXLIII. C. 27. P. 23.



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tiquaries, Mr. Bryan Twyne and Mr. Ant. a Wood have said to the contrary, and notwithstanding there be such a plain Proof, that there was here an University before, in Afferius Menevensis (1), (who lived in the time of King Alfred) where he speaks of the difference between the old Scholars and the new, and of the Foundation of St. Peter's Church in the East, which was Anno Christi, DCCC-LXXXVI. Yet granting Alfred were the first Founder, I do not see what Benefit the Cantabrigians will reap by it; since their University began several Years after this time, namely, Anno Christi, MCIX. which was the xth of Henry I. as is plain from Peter Bleffensis (2) the Continuer of Ingulphus; unless we will rely upon what their Antiquary Caius asserts from fabulous Accounts, and will go as far as Utopia for Arguments; which if we do, we shall have even then more Testimonies for the greater Antiquity of Oxford University.

§ 12. KING Alfred was not only careful about the restoring of Learning at Oxon, and instituting Professors, but he also took care about places for Books, and, as may be learned from the History and Antiquities of that University, there were divers Libraries for this end. But we do not hear of any considerable  
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(1) *In vit. Alfredi Edit. Franc. MDCII, vel. MDCIII.*

(2) *In Continuat. Ingulphi, Hist. P. 112.*

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one till the Year of Christ, MCCXCV. when  
(1) Ric. de Bury alias Angervyll, Bishop of  
Durham gave a great number of Books to the  
University, which were kept in a place for that  
purpose in the College which the Monks of  
Durham had founded in the North Suburbs  
of Oxon (2); and an Account whereof may be  
gathered from a Book written by himself,  
called, *Philobiblos sive de amore liborum &*  
*institutione Bibliothecæ*, printed at Paris in  
MD. and at Oxon in MDXCIX. in Quarto,  
and since in Octavo. And after him in the  
Year MCCCXX. Thomas Cobham Bishop of  
Worcester built another over (3) the old Con-  
gregation-House in the North Cœmitery of  
St. Mary's. And after him Humphry Duke  
of Gloucester built another of greater Note  
over the Divinity-School, which began to  
be of great Name about the Year MCCCC-  
XXXIX. This continued till the latter end of  
Q. Elizabeth, when coming to ruin, to the  
great prejudice of Learning, Sir Tho. Bodley  
(who is deservedly stiled a second Ptolemy)  
began to restore it in the Year MDXCVII. and  
finished it in the Year MDXCIX. which he so  
nobly endowed with Books and Revenues, and  
adorned with other Buildings, that it is now  
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(1) *Hist. & Antiq. Univers. Oxon*, L. II. P. 48. (2) *Hist. Ecclesiæ Dunelm.* MS. C. CLV. (3) *Hist. & Antiq. Univers. Oxon*, L. II. *ibid.*



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*not undeservedly accounted one of the most famous Libraries in the World; and, if we may credit the Accounts which Travellers give us, exceeds even the Vatican at Rome. The History of it the Oxon Antiquary has given at large; so that I shall only remark, That King James I. in the Year MDCV. (1) when he came to that University, and among other Ædifices, went to view this famous Library, in imitation of Alexander, at his Departure, did break out into that noble Speech; If I were not a King, I would be an University-Man; and if it were so that I must be a Prisoner, if I might have my Wish, I would desire to have no other Prison than that Library, and to be chained together with so many good Authors, &c. Those that have seen the Catalogue of printed Books in this Library, which was some Years since published by Dr. Hyde, the Chief Keeper then of it, will easily grant what I say; and much more when they see the Appendix to that Catalogue, now ready for the Press, which will make at least as big a Volume as Dr. Hyde's. And as one may safely say it excells in printed Books, both for number and value, so also does it in Manuscripts, all others; as is likewise plain from the Catalogue lately printed of them. For as for the Vatican, if it has the same Number, yet they cannot*

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(1) Vide Isaaci Wake, Rex Platonicus, five Musæ regnantes.

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*cannot be so valuable, since they (1) imploy Persons on purpose to forge old Hands, and so to transcribe the Fathers, and to put in and out, what they find will make against their Religion. But the Treasures of this Library will more clearly appear, when an Appendix likewise to the said Catalogue of Manuscripts (which is in several places very imperfect) shall be published, which may be in some time; and from the Catalogue of Coyns in the Archives belonging to the Library, which is now ready for the Press, and concerning which an Advertisement was lately printed.*

§ 13. *IT was for the sake of this Noble Library, that lately in my Searchs in it, finding Sir Tho. Bodley's Life, the first Draught of its Statutes, and a Collection of Letters to Dr. James (first Keeper of it) &c. all written by Sir Tho. Bodley's own Hand, I immediately took a Transcript of them, and sent them to the Press; that others imitating Sir Thomas's Zeal and Industry for the good of Learning, might become Benefactors themselves to such a noble Repository. They cannot do it at a better time than now; since the Act of Parliament for sending Copies of Books printed by the London Booksellers is expired, and there are divers wanting for several Years*

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(1) See Dr. Tho. James's Corruption of Scriptures, Councils and Fathers by the Church of Rome, in the Preface.



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*Years past. For which Reason it were to be wished, that this were taken into Consideration again by the Parliament, and the Act renewed.*

§ 14. *THE Life of Sir Thomas, it is true, was printed some Years ago, and the two Letters written to Sir Fran. Bacon, not long since, at the end of the Collection of Letters of Archbishop Usher: But the Copies of the former being all dispersed, and the latter containing in them Things of more than ordinary Moment, it was thought fit to reprint them.*

§ 15. *I need not make any Apology for the Style, especially if we consider in what time he writ, and that 'tis his own; And no one ought to call that in Question, which was the Draught of so Great and Accurate a Man.*

§ 16. *As for my own Part, I neither desire nor design any other Interest by Publishing these Papers than the Publick Benefit, in letting the World see with what indefatigable Industry and Labour this learned Person prosecuted so Glorious an Undertaking.*

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 O R,  
 Sir Thomas Bodley's  
 R E M A I N S.

T H E  
 LIFE of Sir *Thomas Bodley*,  
 Written by himself.

**I** Was born at *Exeter* in *Devonshire*, the  
 2d of *March*, in the Year 1544; de-  
 scended, both by Father and Mother,  
 of Worshipful Parentage. By my Fa-  
 ther's side, from an ancient Family of  
*Bodley*, or *Bodleigh*, of *Dunscombe* by *Cre-*  
*diton*; and by my Mother from *Robert Hone*  
*Esq;* of *Offerey Saint Mary*, nine Miles from  
*Exeter*. My Father in the time of *Queen*  
*Mary*, being noted and known to be an  
 Enemy to Popery, was so cruelly threat-  
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that maliced his Religion, that for the Safeguard of himself, and my Mother, who was wholly affected as my Father, he knew no way so secure, as to fly into *Germany*: Where after a while, he found means to call over my Mother, with all his Children and Family; whom he settled for a time at *Wesel* in *Cleveland*: (For there as then were many *English*, which had left their Country, for their Conscience, and with Quietness enjoyed their Meetings, and Preachings) and from thence we removed to the Town of *Franckford*, where was in like sort another *English* Congregation. Howbeit we made no long tarriance in either of those two Towns, for that my Father had resolved to fix his Abode in the City of *Geneva*: Where, (as far as I remember) the *English* Church consisted of some hundred Persons. I was at that time of 12 Years of Age; but through my Father's Cost and Care, sufficiently instructed to become an Auditor of *Chevalerius* in *Hebrew*, of *Beroaldus* in *Greek*, of *Calvin* and *Beza* in *Divinity*, and of some other Professors in that University; (which was newly then erected) besides my domestical Teachers, in the House of *Philibertus Saracenus* a famous Physician in that City, with whom I was boarded: where *Robertus Constantinus* that

that made the *Greek Lexicon*, read *Homer* unto me. Thus I remained there two Years and more, until such time as our Nation was advertised of the Death of *Queen Mary*, and Succession of *Elizabeth*, with the Change of Religion; which caused my Father to hasten into *England*: Where he came with my Mother, and with all their Family, within the first of the *Queen*, and settled their Dwelling in the City of *London*. It was not long after, that I was sent away from thence to the *University of Oxon*, recommended to the Teaching and Tuition of *Dr. Humphrey*, who was shortly after chosen the chief Reader in Divinity, and President of *Magdalen-College*. There I followed my Studies, till I took the Degree of Bachelor of Arts, which was in the Year 1563. within which Year I was also chosen Probationer of *Merton-College*, and the next Year ensuing admitted Fellow. Afterwards, to wit, in the Year 1565, by special Perswasion of some of my Fellows, and for my private Exercise, I undertook the publick reading of a *Greek Lecture*, in the same College-Hall, without requiring, or expecting any Stipend for it. Nevertheless, it pleased the Fellowship, of their own Accord, to allow me soon after four Marks by the Year, and ever since to con-



tinue that Lecture to the College. In the Year of our Lord 1566, I proceeded Master of Arts, and read for that Year in the *School-Streets*, Natural Philosophy: After which time, within less than three Years space, I was won by intreaty of my best affected Friends, to stand for the Proctorship, to which I and my Collegue Mr. *Bearblock* of *Exeter-College* were quietly Elected in the Year 1569, without any Competition, or Countersuit of any other. After this for a long time, I supplied the Place of the University-Orator, and bestowed my time in the Study of sundry Faculties, without any Inclination to profess any one above the rest; insomuch as at last, I waxed desirous to Travel beyond the Seas, for attaining to the Knowledge of some special Modern Tongues, and for the Increase of my Experience in the managing of Affairs: being wholly then addicted to employ my self, and all my Cares, in the publick Service of the State. My Resolution fully taken, I departed out of *England*, Anno 1576, and continued very near four Years abroad: and that in sundry Parts of *Italy*, *France* and *Germany*. A good while after my return, to wit, in the Year 1585, I was employed by the *Queen*, to *Frederick*, Father to the present King of *Denmark*, to  
*Julius*

*Julius* Duke of *Brunswick*, to *William* Landgrave of *Hesse*, and other German Princes. The effect of my Message was, to draw them to joyn their Forces with hers, for giving Assistance to the King of *Navarre*, now *Henry* the IV<sup>th</sup> of *France*. My next Imployment was to *Henry* the Third, at such time as he was forced by the Duke of *Guise* to fly out of *Paris*: Which I performed in such sort as I had in Charge, with extraordinary Secrecy, not being accompanied with any one Servant, (for so I was commanded) nor with any other Letters, than such as were written with the Queen's own Hand to the King, and some selected Persons about Him. The effect of that Message it is fit I should conceal, but it tended greatly to the Advantage, not only of the King, but of all the Protestants in *France*, and to the Duke's apparent overthrow; which also followed soon upon it. It so befel after this, in the Year Eighty Eight, that for the better Conduct of her Highness's Affairs in the *Provinces United*, I was thought a fit Person to reside in those Parts, and was sent thereupon to the *Hague* in *Holland*; where according to the Contract that had formerly past between her Highness and the *States*, I was admitted for one of their Counsel of State, taking



ing Place in their Assemblies next to Count *Maurice*, and yielding my Suffrage in all that was proposed: During all that time, what Approbation was given of my painful Endeavours by the *Queen*, Lords in *England*, by the *States* of the Country there, and by all the *English* Soldiery, I refer it to be notified by some other's Relation; Sith it was not unknown to any of any Calling, that then were acquainted with the State of that Government. For at my first coming thither, the People of that Country stood in dangerous Terms of discontentment; partly for some Courses that were held in *England*, as they thought to their singular Prejudice, but most of all in respect of the insolent Demeanour of some of her *Highness's* Ministers, which only respected their private Emolument; little weighing in their Dealing, what the *Queen* had contracted with the *States* of the Country: Whereupon. was conceived a mighty Fear on every side, that both a present Dissolution of the Covenant would ensue, and down a right-Breach of Amity, between us and them. Now what means I set afoot for redress of these Perils, and by what Degrees the state of things was reduced into order, it would require a long Treatise to report it exactly. But this I may aver with Modesty and Truth, and the Country

Country did always acknowledge it with Gratitude, that had I not of my self, without any Direction from my Superiours, proceeded in my Charge with extreme Circumspection, as well in all my Speeches and Proposals to the *States*, as in the Tenour of my Letters, that I writ into *England*, some sudden Alarm had been given, to the utter Subversion, and Ruin of the State of those *Provinces*: Which in process of time, must needs have wrought in all Probability, the self same effect in the State of this Realm. Of this my Diligence and Care in the managing of my Business, there was, as I have signified, very special Notice taken by the *Queen*, and State at Home, for which I received from her Majesty, many comfortable Letters of her gracious Acceptance: As withall from that time forward, I did never almost receive any Sett Instructions, how to govern my Proceedings in her Majesty's Occasions: but the Carriage in a manner of all her Affairs, was left to me and my Discretion. Through this my long Absence out of *England*, which wanted very little of five whole Years, my private Estate did greatly require my speedy Return; which when I had obtained by Intercession of Friends, and a tedious Suit, I could enjoy but a while, being shortly af-



ter enjoyned to repair to the *Hague* again. Nevertheless, upon a certain occasion to deliver unto her some secret Overtures, and of performing thereupon an extraordinary Service, I came again Home, within less than a twelve Month; and I was no sooner come, but her *Highness* embracing the Fruit of my Discoveries, I was presently commanded to return to the *States*, with Charge to pursue those Affairs to Performance, which I had secretly proposed; and according to the Project which I had conceived and imparted unto her, all things were concluded, and brought to that Issue, that was instantly desired: Whereupon I procured my last Revocation. Now here I cannot chuse, in making Report of the principal Accidents, that have befallen unto me in the Course of my Life, but record among the rest, that from the very first day, I had no man more to Friend, among the Lords of the Council, than was the Lord Treasurer *Burleigh*; for when occasion had been offered of declaring his Conceit, as touching my Service, he would always tell the *Queen*, (which I received from her self, and some other Ear-Witnesses) that there was not any Man in *England*, so meet as my self, to undergo the Office of the Secretary: And since, his Son the present Lord

Lord Treasurer hath signified unto me in private Conference, that when his Father first intended to advance him to that Place, his purpose was withal to make me his Colleague. But the Case stood thus in my behalf: Before such time as I returned from the *Provinces United*, which was in the Year 1597, and likewise after my return, The Earl of *Essex* did use me so kindly both by Letters and Messages, and other great Tokens of his inward Favour to me, that although I had no meaning, but to settle in my Mind my chiefest Dependance upon the Lord *Burleigh*, as one that I reputed to be both the best able, and therewithal the most willing to work my Advancement with the *Queen*; Yet I know not how the Earl, who sought by all Devices to divert her Love and Liking both from the Father and the Son, ( but from the Son in special ) to withdraw my Affection from the One, and the Other, and to win me altogether to depend upon himself, did so often take occasion to entertain the *Queen*, with some prodigal Speeches of my Sufficiency for a Secretary, which were ever accompanied with Words of Disgrace against the present Lord Treasurer, as neither She her self, ( of whose Favour before I was thoroughly assured ) took any great Pleasure to prefer me the  
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sooner; (for she hated his Ambition, and would give little Countenance to any of his Followers ) and both the Lord *Burleigh*, and his Son waxed jealous of my Courses, as if underhand I had been induced by the Cunning and Kindness of the Earl of *Essex*, to oppose my self against their Dealings. And though in very Truth, they had no solid Ground at all, of the least Alteration in my Disposition towards either of them both ( for I did greatly respect their Persons and Places, with a settled Resolution to do them any Service, as also in my Heart I detested to be of any Faction. whatsoever ) yet the now Lord Treasurer, upon occasion of some talk, that I have since had with him, of the Earl and his Actions, hath freely confessed of his own accord to me, that his daily Provocations were so bitter and sharp against him, and his Comparisons so odious, when he put us in a Ballance, as he thought thereupon, he had very great reason to use his best means, to put any Man out of Love of raising his Fortune, whom the Earl with such Violence, to his extreme Prejudice, had endeavoured to dignifie. And this, as he affirmed, was all the Motive he had, to set himself against me, in whatsoever might redound to the bettering of my State, or encreasing

ing my Credit, and countenance with the *Queen* : When I had thoroughly now be-  
thought me first in the Earl, of the slender Hold-fast he had in the *Queen* ; of an  
endless Opposition of the chieftest of our  
Statesmen, like still to wait upon him ; of  
his perilous, and feeble, and uncertain  
Advice, as well in his own, as in all the  
Causes of his Friends ; and when more-  
over, for my self I had fully considered,  
how very untowardly these two Coun-  
sellors were affected unto me, (upon whom  
before in Cogitation I had framed all the  
Fabricken of my Future Prosperity ) how  
ill it did concur with my natural Dispo-  
sition, to become, or to be counted either  
a Stickler or Partaker in any publick Fa-  
ction ; how well I was able by God's  
good Blessing to live of my self, If I  
could be content with a competent Live-  
lihood ; how short a time of farther Life,  
I was then to expect by the common  
Course of Nature ; when I had, I say, in  
this manner represented to my Thoughts  
my particular Estate, together with the  
Earl's ; I resolved thereupon to possess  
my Soul in Peace, all the Residue of my  
Days ; to take my full farewell of State-  
Employments ; to satisfie my Mind with  
that Mediocrity of worldly living, that  
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from the Court, which was the Epilogue, and End of all my Actions, and Endeavours of any important Note, till I came to the Age of Sixty Three. Now although after this, by her Majesty's Directions, I was often called to the Court, by the now Lord Treasurer, then Secretary, and required by him, as also divers times since, by order from the King, to serve as Ambassador in *France*, to go a Commissioner from his *Highness*, for concluding the Truce between *Spain* and the *Provinces*, and to negotiate in other very honourable Employments, yet I would not be removed from my former final Resolution; insomuch as at length to reduce me the sooner to return to the Court, I had an offer made me by the present Lord Treasurer (for in process of time he saw, as he himself was pleased to tell me more than once, that all my dealing was upright, fair, and direct) that in case I my self were willing unto it, he would make me his Associate in the Secretary's Office: And to the Intent I might believe that he intended it *bona fide*, he would get me out of hand to be sworn of the Council. And for the better enabling of my State, to maintain such a Dignity, whatsoever I would ask, that might be fit for him to deal in, and  
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for me to enjoy, he would presently sollicite the King to give it Passage. All which Perswasions notwithstanding, albeit I was often assaulted by him, in regard of my Years, and for that I felt my self subject to many Indispositions, besides some other private Reasons, which I reserve unto my self, I have continued still at home, my retired course of Life, which is now methinks to me, as the greatest Preferment that the State can afford. Only this, I must truly confess of my self, that though I did never yet repent me of those, and some other my often refusals of Honourable Offers, in respect of enriching my private Estate; yet somewhat more of late, I have blamed my self and my Nicety that way, for the love that I bear to my Reverend Mother the *University of Oxon*, and to the Advancement of her Good, by such kind of means, as I have since undertaken. For thus I fell to discourse, and debate in my Mind, That altho' I might find it fittest for me, to keep out of the Throng of Court Contentions, and address my Thoughts and Deeds to such Ends altogether, as I my self could best affect; yet withal I was to think, that my Duty towards God, the Expectation of the World, and my natural Inclination, and very Morality did require, that  
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I should not wholly so hide those little Abilities that I had, but that in some measure, in one kind or other, I should do the true part of a profitable Member of the State; whereupon examining exactly for the rest of my Life, what course I might take, and having sought (as I thought) all the ways to the Wood, to select the most proper, I concluded at the last, to set up my Staff at the Library-Door in *Oxon*; being thoroughly perswaded, that in my Solitude, and Surcease from the Common-Wealth Affairs, I could not busy my self to better purpose, than by reducing that Place (which then in every Part lay ruined and wast) to the publick use of Students. For the effecting whereof, I found my self furnished in a competent Proportion, of such four kinds of Aids, as unless I had them all, there was no hope of good Success: For without some kind of Knowledge, as well in the Learned and Modern Tongues, as in sundry other sorts of scholastical Literature, without some Purse-ability to go through with the Charge, without great store of Honourable Friends, to further the Design, and without special good leisure to follow such a Work, it could but have proved a vain Attempt and inconsiderate. But how well I have sped in all  
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my Endeavours, and how full Provision I have made for the Benefit and Ease of all frequenters of the *Library*, that which I have already performed in Sight, that which besides I have given for the Maintenance of it, and that which hereafter I purpose to add, by way of Enlargement of that Place, (for the Project is cast, and whether I live or die, it shall be, God willing, put in full Execution) will testify so truly and abundantly for me, as I need not be the Publisher of the Dignity and Worth of mine own Institution.

*Written with mine own Hand, Anno 1609. December 11th.*

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*Sir Thomas Bodley's first Draught of the Statutes of the Publick Library at Oxon, transcribed from the Original Copy, written by his own Hand, and repositied in the Archives of the said Library.*

**F**Orasmuch as Experience hath made it apparent in the course of Men's Actions, that no publick Institution nor Foundation whatsoever, wherein a Multitude hath Interest, and where Continuance is required, can produce those good Effects, for which the same was first intended, except the dissolute Demeanours of ill affected Persons be judiciously restrained, by force of Statutes and Provisoos to encounter their Disorders; it is thought in that regard a most necessary Care, to prevent by all good means, what hereafter may befall to the abusing, impairing, or perhaps (which God forbid) to the utter subverting of our Store of Books; which may undoubtedly prove in tract of time, (if God of his Goodness shall, according to the project, prosper our Proceedings) the most absolute and sufficient

sufficient, for the Advancement of Learning, that hath been hitherto renowned, by any extant Record, in any Part of *Europe*: We therefore the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and Doctors, together with the Proctors, and Masters, Regents, and non-Regents of the Great Convocation of the University of *Oxon*, upon often Consultation and Conference had with Sir. *Tho. Bodley*, &c. Do Ordain and Decree with a solemn Concurrence of all our Voices, and Consents, that according to the Trust which he hath reposed in our careful Government of the Library, and in our frugal Disposition of the Profits of that Land, which he hath given and assigned to the Maintenance thereof, these our Orders, Acts, and Constitutions, shall be by all sorts of Students, to whom they may appertain, most Religiously kept and observed for ever.

Above all things, that may concern the Preservation of this our publick Place of Study, or the Benefit, Use, and Ease of those that shall frequent it, it is deemed expedient, that some one be deputed to the Custody of it, that is noted and known for a diligent Student, and in all his Conversation to be Trusty, Active, and Discreet; a Graduat also, and a Linguist, not encumbered with Marriage, nor with a

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Benefice of Cure. For it cannot stand with Piety, that such a Charge should admit the continual Society of other publick Employments; and Marriage is too full of Domestical Impeachments, to afford him so much time from his private Affairs, as almost every Day's necessity of his private Presence will require.

The Course that must be held, in the Election and Admission of a Keeper to his Office, and the manner of delivering the Library-Keys into his Hands, shall be always like to that, which is yearly put in Practice in the Choice of the Proctors. But before the Electors be admitted to come to give their Voices, they shall all take their Oaths in this kind of Form.

I A. B. do Promise and Swear, by the Faith and Truth that I owe to Almighty God, that in This Election towards a fit and worthy Keeper, for the Publick Library of this University, I have no purpose, to confer my Suffrage, in hope of Reward, or in regard, of any Promise, or at the Instance and Intreaty, direct or indirect of any Person, or Persons of what Quality soever: But that among them all that are known or supposed to affect this Charge, I will nominate  
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and choose some such Graduat unto it, as in setting apart all kind of corrupt and partial Inducement, I shall and do repute, in the greatest Sincerity of my Judgment and Conscience, to be the meetest and best qualified Person, to advance with his Sufficiency the Dignity and Honour of this Univerſity, and the Publick Good, and Benefit of the Students in the Library.

The Election thus performed, when the Party then elected shall come to be admitted, he shall swear to this Effect :

All and every of the Statutes, Constitutions, and Decrees, either made already, or hereafter to be made that may in any wise concern the Duty of the Keeper, and good Estate of the Library, I will observe in mine own Person, and to the uttermost of my Power, will cause to be observed by all other Persons, to whom the same may belong, as I hope to be saved, by God's infinite Mercy, thro' the Merits of Christ Jesus, revealed unto me, by his Holy Evangelists.



It is further understood, that the Library Keeper shall never be enforced to relinquish his Office, but with his own free Assent and good-liking; unless upon Desert, for some heinous Offence, or apparent Insufficiency, he shall be adjudged unworthy to be continued in his Charge. And then in that Case, or by whatsoever means his Place becometh void, be it by his Death, or Resignation, or other incident Occasion, the Vice-Chancellor or his Deputy, within three Days next ensuing, shall give Orders for the Summons of a solemn Convocation, and there in that sort, as we have formerly prescribed, and is usually observed in the Election of the Proctors, proceed to make Choice of another to succeed.

And now to the end it may be known, what doth chiefly belong to his Function and Charge, it is first determined and decreed, That he shall take the care of keeping, and likewise of continuing the great Register-Book, which is chained to the Desk, at the upper broad Window of the Library: In which there are to be inrolled, and so from time to time recorded, as their Numbers shall augment, the particular Names and Gifts of as many, as have conferred either Books, or Mony, or other things of Worth for the Benefit and  
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in also the Munificence, not only of great  
and honourable Personages, but of others  
of mean and vulgar Callings must be re-  
spectively remembred. For in a case of  
shewing Gratitude, it is meet in all Con-  
gruity, that no Man be defrauded of that  
measure of Thanks, that is due unto his  
Bounty: As commonly few are so careless  
of a publick good Opinion, but where  
they know they have deserved, they would  
be noted for desert. And in that respect  
we do resolve, that the Keeper shall pro-  
cure that Book to be written, with a spe-  
cial, fair, and pleasing Hand; and with-  
all to be exposed, where it may be still in  
sight, for every Man to view, as an emi-  
nent and endless Token of our thankful  
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ven; and as an excellent Inducement, for  
Posterity to imitate these former good Ex-  
amples.

An other chief Point of the Keeper's  
Charge, is to range all his Books, as well  
of the bigger as lesser fold, according to  
their Faculties; to assign to every Facul-  
ty their Catalogues and Tables; and to  
dispose of every Table the Authors therein  
named, according to the Alphabet: Where  
besides the Author's Name, and the Ti-  
tle of his Work, he must be mindful to



expres, in what kind of Volume the same was Printed, with a Note of the Place, and Year of that Edition. For it so fareth often with a Number of Students, that the Knowledge of some one of these petty Particulars, may turn them in their Studies to some singular Advantage. Again, whensoever it comes to pass, that of Gift and Gratuity to the University, any Book or Books, Printed, or Manuscripts, or other Writings of Moment, are addrested to the Keeper, to be put among the Rest of his Library-Store; he shall take no longer Respite to see the same effected, than until he may be able, to restore the Defects of the Books and Things delivered; and to trim every Volume, that is not in good Plight, with fit Reparations, for Use and Continuance: Whereto the Vice-Chancellor for the time being (whom we do depute, as hereafter shall appear, the Receiver and Guardian of the Library Rents) shall see him furnished with Mony, and other necessary means, to the full of his Occasions: Whereof he must render a particular Account unto the Vice-Chancellor, to the end the same may be produced as Occasion shall be offered, upon the Vice-Chancellor's own Account: But if it be a Benevolence that doth wholly consist of Ready Mony given, and is  
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put into his Hands to be spent upon Books at his Discretion and Election; he shall fulfil, without Delay, the Desire of him that is the Giver, if their be at that time any present Possibility to procure so many Books, as may suffice for so much Mony: But if they cannot be had upon the suddain, he shall move the Vice-Chancellor then being, to have the Mony reserved, with the Library Revenue, till Books may be gotten for it; for which he must lay hold upon the soonest Opportunity, and use his uttermost Husbandry in buying, and Judgment in choosing good Authors and Prints, neglecting no Endeavour, that may make for Discharge of his Duty and Trust, and for the Giver's Contentation, to whom he shall first present in a list the Inscriptions and Prices of every single Book, before he doth possess the Library of his Gift; and then ingross the same again (without any mention of their Prices) upon the standing Register of Benefactors.

But now, for as much as this Magazine of Books, was founded altogether for the Publick and Perpetual Commodity of Students, for which it were meet in many Respects, that they should all be made acquainted, with the Days and the Hours, in which they may be still assured, to find



the Keeper in that Place; it is thus enacted and decreed, that he shall make no Exemption of any whole Day in all the Year, but only of the Sabbath, the Nativity of our Saviour, the day of Electing the Proctors, and when the Library shall be visited: Nor yet of any half Days, saving only of the Fore-noons, upon the usual Feasts, and Days of solemn Prayers; or of Sermons *ad Clerum*; and of the After-noons at all such times, as Publick Disputations are used in Divinity. Nevertheless, it may so happen est-soons, through a multitude of urgent, and not yet thought upon Occasions, that it will be thought behoveful by the Chief Convocation, to admit the like Cessation, at some other times unmentioned: Which then the Keeper ought to publish, by fixing a Schedule on the Door, that is at the Entrance of the School of Divinity. So that setting aside those former Exceptions, we do Ordain and Enjoyn, that the Keeper himself in Person (not letted with Sickness, or other lawful impediment hereafter expressed) shall come continually to the opening of the Library Doors, and both remain within himself, and give access unto others, in the Morning, from Eight of the Clock to Eleven; and then after Dinner from Two to Five. Which  
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is to be continued from *Easter*, to the Feast of *St. Michael* : But for the rest of the Year, from One to Four in the After-noon. At these prescribed Hours he shall also cause to be rung the Warning-Bell of his Ingress and Egress, that Men may shun the Discommodities of repairing thither oversoon, or abiding there too long, which the Difference of Clocks may occasion very often, to the Prejudice and Hindrance of himself as well as others.

Be it always here provided, That for the greater security of the timber Works and Books, no Frequenter of that Place, Graduat or other, nor the Keeper himself, or any Deputy for him, upon any Pretext or Colour, shall enter there by Night, with a Torch, Link, Lamp, Candle, or other kind of Fire-light, upon pain of Deprivation from his Office for ever : Nor shall absent himself from thence, but in Cases approved (which shall be specified hereafter) for the space of one Day, or half-day, or any of those Hours, that have bin formerly mentioned, upon pain of forfeiting twenty Shillings, for every time of his Absence, to be defalked from his Salary, and converted to the encreasing of the Books of the Library.

Moreover, as it may be lawful and free for all comers in (being qualified in such  
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fort, as we shall after declare ) to peruse any Volumes, that are chained to the Desks, in the Body of the Library, not forgetting to fasten their Clasps and Strings, to untangle their Chains, and to leave as they found the Books in their Places; ( whereas otherwise for their Negligence, they shall be punished by the Purse, at the Will and Arbitriment of the Vice-Chancellor ) so for the smaller sized Volumes, in Quarto and Octavo, and such as are within the Grates, and under the Custody of the Keeper alone, that they may not be wasted with much handling and tossing ( being Books of special Worth, for their Antiquity or Rarity, Costliness, or Beauty, or other note of prime Account ) it shall be a part of the Keeper's Duty, when any Man is desirous to use any of these kinds, to deliver them out by Hand, and by Tale; and with Condition, that they shall be studied there in Sight, and after presently restored, before the Person goe from thence, upon Pain of Satisfaction to the double Value of every Book detained; and ( if so be it shall prove a wilful Fact ) perpetual Expulsion out of the Library.

Howbeit, because it is meet, we should afford some Leisure to the Keeper, for his private Study and Contemplation, where-  
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of we should make but a slender Allowance, in case he shall be forced to serve the Turns of every one, as oft as they require to have the use of such Books; it hath been therefore thought expedient, to entertain a daily Minister, which must be evermore at hand, to aid and assist him, and to attend his Directions in all Occasions in the Library; Who must be sworn to be faithful, and for his Skill must be sufficient to seek out, and distribute any Books that are demanded; of which the Keeper himself, or (when he shall be absent) his lawful Deputy shall give out with his own Hands those within the Grates, and but Six at a time of one sort or other: Which is precisely all the stint, whereto the Keeper shall be subject by our Constitutions; unless by himself he will be won to gratify some Persons by exceeding that Number: Wherein we do require, that he would carry himself uprightly, and content every Student with due respect to his Degree.

And sith the fundry Examples of former Ages, as well in this University, as in other Places of the Realm, have taught us over-often, that the frequent Loan of Books, hath bin a principal Occasion of the Ruin and Destruction of many famous Libraries; It is therefore ordered and decreed



creed to be observed as a Statute of irrevocable Force, that for no Regard, Pretence, or Cause, there shall at any time, any Volume, either of these that are chained, or of others unchained, be given or lent, to any Person or Persons, of whatsoever State or Calling, upon any kind of Caution, or offer of Security, for his faithful Restitution; and that no such Book or Volume shall at any time, by any whatsoever, be carried forth of the Library, for any longer space, or other uses, and Purposes, than, if need so require, to be sold away for altogether, as being superfluous or unprofitable; or changed for some other of a better Edition; or being over-worn to be new bound again, and immediately returned, from whence it was removed. For the Execution whereof in every Particular, there shall no Man intermeddle, but the Keeper himself alone, who is also to proceed with the Knowledge, Liking, and Direction of those Publick Overseers, whose Authority we will notify in other Statutes ensuing,

Furthermore, considering that the Keeper may sometimes, upon Urgence of Business, or Indisposition of Body (whereof he must affirm the Truth upon his Oath, being moved thereunto) desire a Dispensation for his personal Absence from his Charge,

Charge, the Vice-Chancellor or his Substitute shall have absolute Power, in every such Occasion, to condescend to his Request, for the space of Seven Days every Quarter, to be taken either jointly, or at several times, as his need shall enforce him; with this Restriction notwithstanding, that still his Office be supplied by some learned, able Graduat, of whose Fidelity and Truth, there was never any other, but a publick good Report: Or if the Vice-Chancellor think it fit, ( for the Choice of every Substitute, must wholly stand with his, or his Deputy's Good-Liking ) he shall take a corporal Oath, to the same or like Effect, as the Keeper did himself, at the time of his Admission. But if so be the Keeper's Case be adjudged so favourable, as he may challenge in Reason, a further Enlargement of his Licence, than is formerly expressed; then ought the same to be accorded, by way of common Suffrage, in one of the Congregations; least otherwise in Continuance, the Facility of treating with one Man alone, should draw abuse unto it, of procuring Leave for longer Absence, than shall be fitting, for the Regiment, and good Estate of such Charge.

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about his Function, although they offer unto him more effectual Opportunities, for the Advancement of his Knowledge, together with his Credit, than to any other Student in the University; ( which may give him, in some sort, Contentation for his Pains ) for the inabling notwithstanding of his private Estate, which will yield him better Leisure, for the managing and following the Affairs of his Office, we do order and ordain, that besides the annual Stipend of twenty Nobles, which was the ancient Donation of King *Henry* the IV<sup>th</sup>, and is to issue forth of the University-treasure through the Hands of the Proctors, he shall enjoy that further Sum of Three and Thirty Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence, which is expressed in that Book, by which our late Lands were conveyed unto us, and is to be answered half-yearly by equal Portions; to wit, at the Feasts of *St. Michael* the Arch-Angel, and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, or within three and thirty Days after: And the same to be extracted out of the Library-Revenue by the present Vice-Chancellor: which is also our Direction for the Payment of ten Pounds to the Keeper's Assistant; and of four Pounds besides to some honest poor Scholar, or Servant of the Keeper, whose weekly

weekly Charge and Care must be, whensoever the Keeper shall call upon him, to wipe, sweep, and keep clean all the Library-Books, Tables, Shelves, Seats, Closets, Windows, and whatsoever else is subject to the Annoyance of Dust. Wherewithal we understand, That the Choice of these inferior Ministers, shall be committed to the Keeper's Discretion; the Payment of theirs and all other Stipends, unto the Vice-Chancellor's Care: And their removal from their Places, if so be they shall deserve it, to the Library-Overseers, whose Authority we shall specify in the Statutes following.

We have held it moreover a very needful Caution, for the safer Custody of the aforesaid Revenue, and of all other Sums of Mony, that may hereafter of Benevolence be conferred on the Library, That within the space of Three Days after any Payment made, the same shall be transported to the Place, where the University Rents are kept, and be locked up there in the Iron-Chest provided purposely for it, under three different Locks, with double Keys to every Lock; which are always to remain with the present Vice-Chancellor and Proctors, to be rendred up with the rest of their Keys, at the several times of their Entrance to their Offices.



fices. Wherein notwithstanding, that Imployment of the Proctors shall extend it self no further, than to come with their Keys, when they shall be required by the Vice-Chancellor, to open the Chest; and always to be present, when any Mony is brought in, or extracted by him; whereof the Sum is then and there to be registred with the Vice-Chancellor's own Hand, upon some leiger Book lying in the same Chest, or in some other like Place, to be afterward subscribed by the Proctors as Eye-witnesses of it: For so it will appear, how all Expences and Receits do answer each other, at the time of the Audit of the Chest-Account.

Now because it is apparent, that Nothing makes more for the Ease of the Keeper, the Quietness of the Students, the Security of the Books, and the Honour and Dignity of the University, than that we should proceed with some choice Limitation, in the Admission of such Persons, as are to study in the Library; we do utterly reject the Opinion of those, that would have no Exception to no Man's Access: For that a Graunt of so much Scope, would but minister Occasion of daily pestering all the Room, with their gazing; and babling, and trampling up and down, may disturb out of Measure  
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the Endeavours of those that are studious. And therefore not to give way to so great an Inconvenience, we do thus determine and decree ; That no Man shall enjoy the Freedom there of Study, but only Doctors and Licentiats of the Three Faculties, Batchelors of Divinity, Masters of Arts, Batchelors of Physick, and Law, Batchelors of Arts of two Years standing, and all other Batchelors ; if they come thither in their Habits and Hoods, and there demean themselves with Reverence, in giving Place, to their Superiors, and in seemly Performance of all other Duties. Among these in like manner for special Respect, we do reckon the Sons of the Lords of the Parliament, ( for of the Lords themselves there may be no question ) and as many besides of all Degrees, as of their zealous Affection to all kind of good Literature, have enriched that store-House with their bountiful Gifts : For it might be well reputed a Point of great Ungratitude, if we should not permit such worthy Contributors, to tast of the Fruit of their own Beneficence. Nevertheless, for the tender Care that must be taken, of the endless Preservation of such a Cabinet of the Muses, our Intention is this, That before any Graduat formerly mentioned, or any other Person of note

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and desert, shall begin to put in Practice his Liberty of Entrance, he shall address himself first unto the Vice-Chancellor or his Substitute, and there in the Presence of the Keeper, take the Oath of Fidelity to the Library, which we appoint to be ministred in Manner and Form as followeth.

You shall Promise and Swear in the Presence of Almighty God, That whensoever you shall repair to the Publick Library of this Univerſity, you will conform your ſelf to ſtudy with Modesty and Silence; and uſe, both the Books, and every thing elſe appertaining to their Furniture, with a careful Reſpect to their longeſt Conſervation: And that neither your ſelf in Perſon, nor any other whatſoever, by your Procurement or Privy, ſhall either openly or underhand, by way of embezzling, changing, razing, defacing, tearing, cutting, noting, interlining, or by voluntary corrupting, blotting, ſmearing, or any other manner of mangling, or miſuſing, any one or more of the ſaid Books, either wholly or in part, make any Alteration: But ſhall hinder and impeach, as much as lieth in you, all and every

every such Offender or Offenders, by detecting their Demeanour unto the Vice-Chancellor, or to his Deputy then in place, within the next Three Days after it shall come to your Knowledge: so help you God by Christ's Merits, according to the Doctrine of his Holy Evangelists.

Also any other Person, for the Furtherance of his Study in whatsoever Science, although he should be no Contributor, may at any time obtain the aforesaid Freedom of recourse, the same being craved as a Grace in the Congregation-House, and the Oath taken after, before his Admittance. But if any Man presume to intrude himself into that place, without special Permission, before he hath been sworn, except he come accompanied with one that is sworn, and still remain with him in sight, (who is then upon his Oath, to stand as a Pledge for the other's good Behaviour) besides his corporal Imprisonment for one whole Day, he shall according to the nature of such his Presumption, forfeit so much Mony as shall be awarded by the Vice-Chancellor or his Deputy: Of which the one Moity shall goe to the Keeper, (as of all other pecuniary Forfeitures) and the other to the

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Use and Benefit of the Library. But if it shall happen in time to come, (whereof we are in good hope we shall never see Example) That any Graduat or other, shall be clearly convicted to have dismembred, or secretly purloined and conveyed away any Books, Tract or Tracts, Leaf or Leaves of any Volume in the Library; Or to have made any Change in any Line or Lines, Word or Words, Syllable or Letter, in any Author whatsoever; Or shall have known the like offence committed by some other, and not discovered the same, within Three Days after his Notice of it, he shall be publicly disgraced being a Graduat, in the next Congregation of the Regent Masters, and whether he be a Graduat or otherwise, he shall be excluded out of Hand, from taking any Benefit, not only of the Library, but of any further Study, or Abroad and Continuance in the University. For which the Vice-Chancellor or his Substitute, shall pronounce the Sentence of his Banishment in the open Congregation, and keep a permanent Record, both of the Kind and Quality, of that Delinquent's Perjury, and of the exemplary Punishment inflicted upon it.

And here, although we presuppose, that the Library-Keeper in regard of his  
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liberal Education, his Affection unto Learning, his Credit among Clerks, and his Oath and Duty to the University, will be vigilant and studious in the highest Degree, to preserve a Jewel of such Price, committed to his Trust; Yet because in the Usage of other like Foundations, we have seen many Precedents of notorious Abuses, even in those that by Profession, and in the Opinion of the world, have born the Name and Reputation of Men of excellent Integrity, we have therefore provided, as near as we are able by Discourse and Reach of Reason, to meet with all Omissions and retchless Carriages of the Keeper, by selecting to the Number of eight principal Graduates, to be perpetual Overseers and Visitors of the Library: To wit the Vice-Chancellor and Proctors, or their Deputies, the three Doctors of the Chair, and the King's two Readers of the *Hebrew* and *Greek* Lectures; and unto these, or to the major Part of these, it shall appertain every Year, the eight of *November*, (unless it be a Sabbath Day, which Munday following shall supply) it being the Day that was solemnised, with our first free entrance into the Library, to visit and survey the State thereof in every Point; for which every Overseer the Eve before, must be personally



cited, by some Beadle sent of purpose, from the Vice-Chancellor or his Deputy, to repair thither early the morning following; where the Doors being shut, that they may not be by others interrupted in their Business, and the Keeper secluded, until he shall be called, after a due perusal of these Statutes and Orders, they shall inquire of his Diligence, In writing the Register of Contributors, and the Alphabetical Tables affixed to the Standerds and Heads of every Desk: In digesting the Authors in their proper Partitions, as the Tables give Direction: In delivering those by hand, that are kept under Locks, and wholly left to his Custody: In speedy bringing in, and present placing of such Books, as shall from time to time be given: In observing his Hours of opening, and shutting, and tarrying in the Library: In excluding all kind of Persons, that are no Freemen of that Place; and In providing for the Books and Buildings, with all the Furniture of the Room, that it may be always freed from Dust and uncleanness: and That it goe not to decay, by reason of Wind and Rain coming in at the Casements, or otherwise for want of timely Reparations. For in any of these Points, and in many more Particulars pertaining to his Function, whatsoever is omitted,

omitted, or misgoverned by the Keeper, the Vice-Chancellor or his Deputy, with the Assent and Assistance of the other Overseers, may admonish, reprove, or reform him for it, by putting in Execution, whatsoever is contained in our present Constitutions: unless the quality of his Crime shall deserve Deprivation: Which is evermore a Punishment, to be publickly practised, by the Censure and Sentence of that Convocation, by which he was elected.

Sith besides it is usual, in the best contrived Orders of all Common-Wealths, to see a small Toleration of Abuses at first, although they be but seldom suffered, and that by way of Connivance, to engender soon after an irreparable Mischief, to the total Dissolution of the principal Institution; we do therefore Authorise the fore-elected Overseers, and withal we do request and entreat them very earnestly, to attend without fail this principal Good Work of visiting the Library: Wherein according to the Tenour of the Statutes before, they may not only proceed, to examine by Points, how well the Keeper hath performed the Duties of his Charge, but must direct him besides in his doubtful Proposals, if any Statute be defective, or if any new Accident require a new Proviso, and in



every other needful Matter: Whereof their joint Information to the publick Assembly of the Regents and non-Regents, must alwayes procure a speedy-Redress.

They shall, furthermore, in writting set down and appoint (if every one of them agree and condescend thereunto, it being of more Importance, than that it should be overweighed by Plurality of Voices) some Books to be Exchanged for better Editions, and some in like sort to be clean made away, as being wholly superfluous, or of no Estimation: And some others to be bought with Mony contributed, or with that which is in Stock in the Iron Chest; whereof the Sum to be expended, must be carefully limited, thereafter as the Store may conveniently spare it: Which then the present Vice-Chancellor is to pay unto the Keeper, who shall always be tied by virtue of his Oath, to bestow the same as soon as may be, and as they shall enjoin him, or (if they leave him to his Liberty) as he himself shall see Occasion; so that all be disbursed to the best Advantage of the Library, and a faithful reckoning yielded of it, in their next Visitation.

And though it be so, as we are perswaded, that Men of choice Degree, and Learning in this University, such as we  
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have selected, to oversee these Affairs, will ( without expecting for it any Jot of Reward ) of their meer and hearty Zeal to the Publick Benefit of Students, esteem so small a time, as may serve for that Purpose, to be fruitfully bestowed, we do appoint notwithstanding for Honour's Sake, and of a reverent Respect to their Persons and Professions, that at every Visitation, they shall have the same Day for their Dinner or Supper an Allotment of Forty Shillings, to be taken of the Revenue of the Library-Chest, and spent in what Place the vice-Chancellor shall appoint within the University ; to whose Care and Provision it shall also belong, to cause certain Gloves to be presented by a Beadle, at the time of their Refection, as Memorials and Tokens of the University's Acceptance of their Service that Day. Among which we do allow seven Pairs of Ten Shillings the Pair, to the five Professors of the King's Lectures, and the two Proctors ; with one Pair of five Shillings to the Beadle then serving ; besides Forty Shillings in Mony to each of the Proctors, in Consideration of their Custody of their Keys to the Chest ; and to the Vice-Chancellor one Pair of Gloves of Twenty Shillings Price, or two Pairs of Ten Shillings the Pair, with Twenty No-  
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bles in Mony in regard of his Cumbers, in receiving and disbursing the Monies of the Library.

Moreover for avoiding Confusion, which will undoubtedly follow the Plurality of Accountants, and for a sound and settled Course, to be constantly continued, first in keeping the Rents and Incomes of the Library ; ( which are the principal Props, to uphold it for ever in a flourishing Stay ) and then in defraying both those afore declared, and all other Charges, as their incident Occasions of either buying, binding, chaining, clasping, or stringing of Books, or the needful repairing of such Decays and Imperfections, as the Ornament and Works of the inward Structure of the Library, may at any time require ; It is intended by us, that the Vice-Chancellor alone and no other, (except it be so, that by his own, or by the Visitor's Ordination, the Keeper shall be charged with some special Disbursement ) may have to deal with the Imployment, of the annual Rents of the Library : Or of any Parcel of Mony, that may hereafter by any be conferred upon it. For we cannot but presume, that casting what number of noble Benefactors, have already concurred in a Fervor of Affection, to that Publick Place of Study,

Study, we shall be sure in time to come, to find some others in some Measure, of the like Disposition to the Advancement of Learning.

Hereupon we do ordain for our final Conclusion, that the Vice-Chancellor for the time being, within fifteen Days after the Expiration of his Year, and of every Year ensuing, in case he be continued more than one in his Office, shall assemble the Library Visitors, together with the Keeper, to view the Mony remaining in the Iron Chest, and there exhibit in writing a faithful Account, of all his Receipts, Extracts, and Expences that Year: which they are presently to audit, with a diligent Inspection into every Clause and Branch: And therewithal before they part, to return into their Hands his double Keys unto the Chest: Which with his written Account, the Chief Rector of the Chair, or if he should be absent, the Principal there present, shall after deliver to the new Vice-Chancellor in the next Convocation, ( which is for that Occasion to be called, when the Doctor shall request it ) and there in their Meeting, he shall relate by Word of Mouth, the State of the Chest, and of that Account: and the Account it self in writing, as it was delivered up, shall be  
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presently put into the Chest, or some other Place of Safety. And if it shall appear to the said Convocation, upon the Auditor's Report, or in any other sort, that the Accountant Vice-Chancellor very loosely regarding the Religion of his Oath, or his own Reputation, hath wasted or mispent some deal of Treasure, belonging to the Library, (which for the eminent Dignity of his Person and Place, and for the Abundance of Trust, that we are always to repose in his Wisdom and Willingness, to administer all uprightly, we can never be induced to surmise of his Stewardship) that present Convocation ought to take Cognition of it, and to tax it with Respect, if it be but a Scape, or Oversight of slender Moment: But if it fall out in Proof to be a manifest Enormity, their Authority shall stretch to censure his Offence, according to his Merit: and in all our former Acts, Constitutions, and Decrees, to expound and to alter, to abrogate and innovate, to add or to diminish, and to provide in all Events, for the Indemnity of the Library, as for a Treasure to Studens of incomparable worth.

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LETTERS of Sir Tho. Bodley,  
*concerning Books and Learning, writ-  
ten to Dr. Thomas James, first Keeper  
of the Publick Library.*

I.

SIR,

WITH your Friendly Letter, I have received a Note of those Rabbins, which commented on one of your *Hebrew Bibles*, but which of them, you do not signify; whereas I desire of both: And so I shall request you to procure in my Behalf, with many Thanks to the Party for his Pains in this. Withal I am desirous to know, whether *Rabbi Shelomoh Jarrhi* hath not commented on some part of that Bible, whereof you sent me the Note; because he faileth not commonly, to be one among the Rabbins. I do very well call to mind, that you sent me the Catalogue once before, of these Books of Mr. *Canninges*, which because I had not, I would not refuse: But had I then known that his Gift had been Five Pounds in Money, I would have employ'd it upon Books of a greater Volume for the most, and Authors of more Worth; for that many of these,



these, are hardly worth the having. Besides I did always imagine, that the Party of *Trinity* College had received Mr. *Canninge's* Mony, and not bought any Books therewith : Whereas it seemeth now, that it was some other ; and as for this Five Pound, to whom it was delivered, I do not yet know.

As touching the *English* old MS Testament in green Velvet, if there be but one in the Library, as I have no Remembrance of any more sent by me, it was the Gift of one *Springham*, whose proper Name I know not, but a good Acquaintance of mine ; so that I cannot well conceive, whereupon it is fathered upon *William Williams*, of whom I never heard before.

I pray you signify with some certainty, whether Mr. *Grosnor*'s Name be so written, or as you write him in another Place, *Grosnor* : for both ways you name. God be merciful both to you and to us, in this Danger of Infection, which groweth on us here, as well as with you. But if it shall continue, some course shall be thought on for the Library. Wherewith I commend your Welfare to the Almighty.

18 May.

Your ever assured Friend,

Tho. Bodley.  
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SIR,  
W<sup>IT</sup>h your very kind Letters of the last and this Week, I have received your Catalogue, which hath many good Books: for which the whole University will give you Thanks, and I in their Behalf, and mine own, do it first very heartily. If you get in any Books of other Men's Gifts, I pray you, as you promise, let me presently see their Catalogue. Such as purpose to give Mony, shall need no Catalogue of my Books, (for that Course would be tedious and endless) but if they mind to give Books of their own Store, that I do want: which must be an answer to all Men.

I thank you for writing to those your other Friends, whom you nominate; but Dr. *Philip Bisse*, among the rest, hath bestowed already Ten Pounds. Mr. *Heriot* had been spoken withal by Mr. *Allen*, before your Letter came to me: And to Day, or to Morrow, I shall receive his Gift; which I think will be greater for the Quality than Quantity.

Among your Books, there be some bound together, of which, some few are but Parcels of Authors, whose Works I have whole, as *Calvin*, *Melancthon*, *Bucer*, *Martyr*, likewise *Lasbont* I have whole.

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But the rest in a manner all are special good Books, and such as I have not, as well the printed as manuscript. Of your lesser Books, as *Bowley's Answer*, &c. *The Beginning and Ending of Popery*, A Book of the old Gods and the new, the *Brutish Thunderbolt*, &c. with some few little ones because I know them not, and make doubt of their Goodness, I leave to your own Discretion, to keep or reject. Also I think that some of yours, will be aptly bound with some of Mr. *Gent's*: which if you find to be so, it will save you so much Charge, for that I purpose my self to disburse for him, whatsoever shall be requisite for the binding of his Books.

Among Mr. *Cope's* Books, I will pick out the best, and retain more than I want at the first. Howbeit I would intreat you, to send me a Note of those, which in your Judgment you take to be the chiefest. I pray you commend me to your Brother of *Christ-Church*, and your self very heartily.

London,  
May 11.

Your affectionate Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

*I had forgotten to tell you, that I take your Sigonius de Antiquo Jure Rom. &c. not to be the best; for which if you please it may be omitted.*

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Sir,

Concerning your Letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> of this Month, I have not now the Leisure, so to answer it all, as either I am desirous, or some Points thereof require. But yet if you please, to weigh that little that I write, with a Ballance of a staid and untroubled Judgment, I do not doubt, but I shall give you very good Satisfaction.

And first, where you wonder at my sudden flat denial of your Continuance in that place, if so be you should be married: I did wonder as much, to see you come upon the suddain, when I was ready to depart, and require to be resolved what yearly Stipend you might trust to; because you meant, as you said, to resign your Fellowship very shortly, and might determine withal, to take a Wife: For which your State would have need, of Fourty Pounds Stipend at the least.

This your abrupt and untimely Demand, with some unusual Terms and Words, did seem to me so very strange, as I complain'd unto you, of your over late Proposal, of a Matter of that weight, when I was ready to be gone. Howbeit mine Answer, I am sure, was friendly and considerate;

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That you should always be assured of TwentyPound from me, and that in time I made no Question, of raising it further to Twenty or Thirty more: Whereof, notwithstanding, I could not as yet give any Assurance. But for the Point of your Marriage, I might by no means yeild unto it; holding it absurd in you or in any, for sundry great respects: Neither did I, as I signified, see any Necessity of giving over your Fellowship.

You did charge me then, and now again, that howsoever I dealt with others, I would dispense with your Marriage.

I cannot call to mind, that ever you and I had any Speech of that Matter: but true it is, that once in talk among our Friends, where you might haply be present, I did cast out such a Word, that howsoever I dealt with others, I could incline to bear with you, which I spoke out of my Love and Affection to you, and not upon Advice, or a settled Resolution. And therefore they to whom I spake it, did wish me by no Means, to be the first my self, that should open such a Gap to disorder hereafter. And your self besides, did always affirm, that you were *alienissimus* from any such Cogitation. This you could not deny, when you and I conferred: but answered to me, that whatsoever you had uttered in any former Speech,

Speech, it was not in your Power, to say you would not marry. How it was, or was not, I will not dispute : but considering your Years, I had reason to imagine, that it might be in your Power : And now by your Letter you do put me out of doubt, that it shall be so, for these Three Years : Whereas at *Oxford* you told me, that you might haply marry shortly.

And where you take it unkindly, that I should say, there were many, that would be glad, of your Place ; I had far greater cause, to complain of your Unkindness, which enforced me then, to deliver those Words. For in good sooth it seemed then, by all your manner of Communication, that you had an Intention, if you were not presently satisfied of your Stipend and Marriage, that you would immediately forbear to proceed in your Office. As if no Man else could be gotten, or I were much bound unto you, for the executing of it. Whereupon I thought fit, to intimate unto you, that I could quickly find a Successor : and therewithall alledged, that you disappointed me exceedingly, both in that you urged me, to assure you of a Stipend, and to tolerate your Marriage, wherein you know well enough, what was my Resolution from the very Beginning. I signified further, that by



this your Unconstancy, I should be presently unprovided of another able Person, whom in all this time, I might have trained and framed, for the University Service.

In good Sooth, I could expostulate very worthily with you, for these your unreasonable and unreasonable Motions. But good Mr. *James*, let me tell you my Mind somewhat boldly, but friendly, and also shortly, for that I cannot for my Business be so long, as I wish, for your better Contentation. It hath ever been a Note of your special good Friends, that you are very much inclined to embrace and undertake many things, to pursue them eagerly a while, and then upon the sudden to give them clean over; not thinking best of those your Friends, that would have you well advised before you take in Hand, and then immutable in Performance.

As for me, I protest unto you faithfully, whatsoever you observed in my Gesture or Countenance, at my being last in *Oxford*, my Love and Liking towards you, was not altered a whit: But the Change in very Deed, was altogether in your self, occasioned, as I fear, by some *Melancholick Humour*, representing unto you those wrong Apparitions, and ungrounded Conceits, of my Desire to re-  
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move you : Which, God is my Witness, were never no Parcel nor Point of my Purpose.

I did ever from the time of our first Acquaintance, affect you from my Heart: And they did me but right, that reported unto you, how I thought my self happy, in the Choice of your Person. For so I did, and shall do always, if those Conditions may content you, with which of Force I must proceed; and to which, if you shall yield, going forward in your Function with that Constancy and Courage, as you have hitherto begun, if I have any Sparkle of a Sound and Solid Judgment, you will procure within these Two Years, more Sufficiency and Knowledge, for matter of Learning, and more Estimation and Credit, whereby to work your own Preferment, than by any whatsoever your Attempts, and Endeavours of any other Nature: Which, what I may do to advance and set forward, if you can have the Patience to attend Opportunities, you shall see effected to the uttermost.

Thus wishing to that Humour, which bred the Subject of this Letter, all the purging that may be, and your self all

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the Good that you can desire, I betake both you, and all your Actions to God's good Direction.

From Burnham, Your Unchangable Friend,  
September 11.

Tho. Bodley.

*I have entreated Mr. Principal to deliver you 5 l. 13 s. 4 d. for Michaelmas: Which I wish I could make an Hundred fold more.*

IV.

Sir,

**I** Am fully satisfied about the Bibles. And as concerning those Books of your own, of which you make your second Offer, I have none of them as yet, only *Dante* excepted.

As for *l' Histoire de France souts Francois* 2. *l' estat de France souts les Rois Henry*, &c. *Historia Belgica rerum memorabilium*, &c. They are not much in my Opinion to be esteem'd, for that I suppose they are comprehended in the greater Volumes of Histories; Which I have and shall have.

*Les Premiers*, &c. *de Parties*, if any Work of his were not after published, will be hardly worth the keeping; and I doubt your *Magia Naturalis* is not the best and last Edition. If it be, it is good, and so

so are most of all the rest, of which I pray you, cast to your former Heap what you please, and I will also add to my former Thanks, as much as I can heap of my Affection to your self.

I pray you thank your Brother, and commend me heartily unto him.

I have *Opera Mathematica Schoneri*; but whether so good and so fair, I know not, being chested in *Oxon*. Likewise *Bonatus* is there; but I doubt it is not fair, nor joyned with *Haly*. I will at my coming, which shall be presently after Midsummer, confer his and mine together.

Mr. Schoolmaster of *Winton's* Gift of *Melancthon* and *Huss*, I do greatly esteem, and will thank him, if you will, by Letter, if he shall not be at *Oxon*, at my coming thither.

Mr. *Draper* I hope to see and know, and thank, my self at my coming; as likewise Mr. *Haidock*, Mr. *Ridley*, and Mr. *Urrey*, whose Books are all of Worth, and deserve the accepting with many Thanks.

If I could get *Tomazius* in *Haly*, to be joined with Mr. *Haidocke's* *English*, it would deserve a good Place in the Library. Let me know by your next, the proper Names of Mr. *Draper*, *Ridley*, *Urrey*, and the Name of Mr. School-Master, that they may be recorded accordingly. Withal I



pray you send me Word, whether that Limner be in *London*, and where he is lodged, of whom you told me at *Oxon* last. Those which these Gentlemen offer, I pray you take into your Hands, that we may have the less Business at my Coming. Wherewith I bid you heartily adieu.

London,  
June 5.

*Your Affectionate Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

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Sir,

**S**TILL I thank you very heartily, as well for your Letter, as for your other Notes and Schedules. And first for *Crosselei's* writing, it is too much set in my Opinion, whereas I would have it more cursory, in which kind I doubt he is not very commendable. For the Letters of his Words are unevenly made, some being longer than their Fellows, which is a very great Fault in a set Hand : Which I speak of his *Roman*.

I go to Morrow towards *Burnham*, and haply from thence, when my private Businesses are ended, I will make a Start to *Oxon*, which may happen within these Ten Days : And then I will confer, with you and my Friends, of all at length :  
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Which I pray you make known to Mr. Gent and Mr. Principal.

Of all the Books, that you have noted to be double, you shall find there are few, that were so bought : As at my Coming I shall shew you some Authors I have taken purposely twice, being printed in divers Places and Years, as *Phavorinus* in *Rome* and *Basel*. Others were ill bound, and noted in the Margine, or otherwise touched ; of which I sent some in the first Chests, for which I sent better Copies in my last, as *Paulus Æmylinus*, *Sabellius*, &c. There were also divers Copies of one Author, which being given and not bought, I sent purposely to *Oxon*, thinking there to make them away, at a better reckoning than here : in which kind was my *Psalter* in Six Tongues. Some I took double by Reason of some Treatises annexed, as *Carolus Bovillus*, &c. And there are others double, for that some Edition came forth with new Additions, as divers of *Menchius's* Works. There are also some Authors, of whose Works, I had divers Parcels given, and yet I thought good to buy them whole and entire. There were also other Respects, for sundry other double Copies: Albeit in some, it was thought Forgetfulness. But when I come to *Oxon*, I will take a Course with them all, not finding



finding it so needful, to do it out of hand. For still a good Author, will be changed for another, or bring with him home his Price.

Among the Contributors, whose Books you have set down, there is wanting *Fitz-Herbert, Urrey, Bailey.*

As touching the Catalogue general, albeit I have them all on my Books, yet there are, at the least, of them 300, which I had never the Leisure to put down upon my Alphabet; which makes me desirous to have yours, as soon as you may conveniently: Because I know it must be perfect, the Books being taken in their Faculties, and Way of their Alphabet, as they stand on their Shelves. Such a one it is, that you, and I, and the Hutch must have: And unless you and I agree about one Alphabet, there will fall out Inconvenience. As for determining of any as yet, to be laid up in the Hutch, it is too timely, and will require more Conference, than we do cast upon as yet: for I have often mused on it. That Entercourse of advertising each other, of such Books as are either of Gift, or bought a new, is very requisite, and shall be kept as precisely as my Leisure will permit. And therefore when your Alphabetical Catalogue is sent unto me, I will set down every day, whatsoever I receive; praying you to signify, whether

ther you comprehend therein all those Books, of which you sent me this last Catalogue, together with your own.

When any Manuscript is set upon my Register, of any Man's Gift, although it cannot but prove very tedious, to nominate in particular all of a Volume, yet it must be done of your chiefer sort, lest the Goodness of Men's Gifts, be not made apparent to their full Content.

In all these Busineses do not over-toile and tire your self, nor embrace more Work, than you can wield very easily : For we shall have time at Will, and things done in hast, must be twice done at last. Which is the Counsel I take my self, and give unto you, as to my self, and therewith wish unto your Welfare, Actions and Endeavours, as I do unto my own.

July, 29. *Your true affectionate Friend,*  
Tho. Bodley.

*I would always intreat you, that any Defects among your Books, may be but known to your self, and not descanted abroad. Tho' I go from hence to Burnham, yet your Letters will still be conveyed unto me, and two Days sooner or later, you shall receive my Answer to any thing of Moment. All this I have scribled being grievously pained with the Stone.*



## VI.

SIR,

**M**R. Principal *Hawley* hath sent me some Part of your *Cambridge* Collections : Which were worthy the Copying for their Age and Antiquity ; though they give but little Light, for any Point that was in doubt, about the Builders and building of our third erected Library. Howbeit it should appear by Mr. Principal's Letter, that you have better Stuff behind, to clear many Doubts, that may concern that whole Foundation. This makes me long for your Return, though I would not you should hasten, to leave any thing observed, that is there to be had of any Worth ; either touching our Foundations, or the Order and Statutes, and Regiment of their Libraries : Which, also I hope, they will impart without any Scruple.

Within this Fortnight, I trust, I shall have ended with my Carpenters, joyners, Carvers, Glasiers, and all that idle Rabble : And then I goe in Hand, with making up my Bars, Locks, Hasps, Grates, Chains, and Gimnioes of Iron, belonging to the fastning and rivetting of the Books, which I think I shall have finished within two or three Months. But of this and other  
Matters,

Matters, we shall hereafter confer, at very good Leisure. In the mean while, I cannot but enjoin you, to be careful of your Health, and not to be more lavish, than you must of mere Necessity, in wearing out your Eyes, with the Transcripts of those dusty and rusty Parchment Manuscripts.

*From Aino,*  
Dec. 24.

*Your true affected Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

*You must by no Means omit to take good Notice of their Orders, in placing and disposing their Library-Books : Whether they do it by the Alphabet, or according to the Faculties.*

VII.

SIR,

YOU have yet omitted the Name of the Schoolmaster of *Winton*, which I must know of Necessity, for the keeping of my Catalogue. If Mr. *Barlow* will be pleased to send me or you a Catalogue of his MSS, I will note those unto him, which I have not as yet, of which after he may give, as best shall like himself. I thank Mr. *Thorn* for his kind offer of that *Psalter* : But if it be that of *Nebienfis*, with Five Languages, besides two Translations in Latin, I have it already printed  
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at Geneva, 1517: Albeit it is like, that his in *Vellum* will be the fairer.

I would entreat Mr. Principal to get my 2d Volume of the *Hebrew Bible*, as soon as he can, from *Dominick*; for that I would not any Books of Price should rest long in his Hands.

I pray you send me Word by your Munday's Carrier, how long you conjecture the Cord must be, to reach from the Globes on the Table, to some Place where the Pully must be fastned in the Roof, considering withal that it must be doubled, by Reason of a weight to counterpoise the Globe-Cafe. For so I do, upon Report, conceive of that of *All Souls-College*. Which is all wherewith I will presently trouble you, unless it be to entreat you, to salute my Friends, such as you can conceive I would salute.

From London,  
June 12.

Your assured Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

*If Mr. Principal shall want Strings for the lesser sort of Books in Octavo, and Sixteens, I would pray him to buy some Inkle, either white or coloured, at his Pleasure.*

VIII.

SIR,

**T**HAT which you were told, of the dry Fat of Books, was but a dry Jest. For neither *Ascanius*, nor any Man else, that I can learn, hath heard it here.

Of the Form of your Gown, at my coming to *Oxon*, which I purpose, God willing, about the end of the next Week, we shall determine what is best.

What course I could wish to be taken, with such honest Gentlemen, as have lately been Promisers, but no Performers as yet, I cannot say directly; because I am ignorant, to whom their Promises were made, and with what Words. Whatsoever your self shall do in that Behalf, I would neither have it done in the University's Name, nor in my Name, but merely of your self; for that either they have passed their Promises unto you, or haply to others, that were willed to impart it to you. They would all, according to their Qualities, be called on with great Respect: And those that are Givers, should be only told, that their Gifts shall be notified to the University, and not be thanked in the University's Name by either you, or me: For which we have no Commission, as they will easily conjecture. At  
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my coming to *Oxon*, we shall agree upon a Form, to both our Likings.

You write of one *Burdet*, that hath a purpose to do somewhat; but because I know not his Dwelling, I cannot, as I would, solicit him by Letter.

Mr. *Valent. Knightley* hath been ever a Wellwiller to this Erection of the Library, but I never heard yet, of his Offer of Fifty Pounds.

I do utterly dislike the sending of Letters to Dr. *Cæsar*, and the Dean of *Pauls*, by the Common-Carrier. For it ought to be done with more Regard, by some Man's Delivery of good Account, to whom the Address of those Letters, should have been recommended, in these Parts.

You make mention in your last, of an Alphabetical Catalogue of all the Writer's Names, required by me, in some former Letter: Which is not rightly understood, or not plainly set down by me in my Letter. For I desire no other than such as you have sent; for which I thank you very heartily. Only this is defective, that where there are divers Authors bound together, you place all the Authors many times, under the first Author's Surname. As, with *Picardus de Prisca Celtopædia*, you join *Smithus de Pronunciat. Ling. Græc. &c.* and put not *Smithus* at all in the  
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the Letter *S*, but only in *P*: whereby when I turn mine Alphabet, to see whether *Smithus* be bought, missing it in *S*, I take him as unbought. Again I did always wish, that in the setting down an Author's Title, you would place his Sirname first, and not the *Argument*, as where you put, *The-saurus Dictionum Juris, &c. auctore P. Cornelio Brederodio*; I had rather write, *Brederodij Thesaurus, &c.* For to find out an Author's Name, you shall run over a Letter, a great deal sooner. But hereof, and of all other Points requisite, we will commune at *Oxford*.

I have herewith sent you a Catalogue of certain Books Manuscript, which I am told I shall have from the Church of *Oxon*, by my Brother's Procurement. Which is all my present Matter.

As yet, I have not seen Sir *Richard Lee*; but I have written unto him, and hope e'r be long, to have sight of his Books, of which I neither know the Number, nor the Quality. And thus for the present I bid you adieu.

London,  
August 26.

*Your very assured Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

*I pray you commend me very heartily to Mr. Harrison, and entreat him from me, that if he have Occasion to write to Beely, he*  
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would request Mr. Sheldon, to give his Chain-Man leave to be at Oxon the 4th of Sept. for then God willing I mind to be there.

## IX.

SIR,

YOU shall do me a Pleasure, to send me word, what store of Wire, Clasps, and Chains remains in your Hands, or Mr. Principal's, to the end I may make my Provision thereafter. You shall do well in my Opinion to call upon Dr. Bonde, but as from your self, for the putting in of his old *English Psalter*.

I happened this Morning to cast an Eye, upon the Catalogue of Books of Mr. Farmer of *Sommerton*: And methinks there are divers of them already in the Library; and therefore not to be chained, if so be they be not yet brought in.

Here are newly arrived Two dry Fats of Books, which *John Bill* hath sent for me from *Venice*, and I expect every Day the coming of other Ships with more.

I would gladly understand, whether the Lady *Russel* hath promised any Books, and how she liked the Library: Whereof as yet, I heard nothing from Mr. *Allen*, which is all at this present, that I have

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to request, recommending your Endeavours to God's special Direction.

London,  
March 4.

*Your ever assured*

Tho. Bodley.

X.

SIR,

I Pray you speak to Mr. Vice-Chancellor's Deputy in my Behalf, and intreat him to suffer you, to send me hither Mr. *Norton's* Herbal, for which he hath present, and very special Use. Howbeit I shall be assured of an other as good, or rather better. I pray you fail not to send it by the first. I have no Leisure to enlarge this Letter, or to write of sundry other Points, as I am desirous. But I received your Letter, and such things as you sent, expecting your Answer to those other Points, which you set down on your Memorial, and commending you the while to God's good Tuition.

London,  
May 6.

*Your assured*

Tho. Bodley.

*Mr. Duncame of Kirton in Devonshire, his proper Name you may learn in Exeter College, by the Means, as I take it, of Mr. Hakewill.*



XI.

SIR,

**T**Aking Pen and Ink and Paper to write unto you, I am called suddainly away, with an urgent Occasion. Your Mony is paid, as you may see by the Ticket herewith. The next Week, you shall not fail to hear from me. In the mean Season adieu.

London,  
Feb. 9.

*Your unfeigned Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

XII.

SIR,

**T**HIS Bearer coming by *Burnham*, I thought to entreat you in a Word, to let me know by your next, what Difference you made, between *Biblia vulgata Editionis Sixti Quinti*, Printed *An. 1592.* which I had among the Earl of *Essex's* Books, and the other, which you caused me to buy of *Norton*, of which I do not well call to mind the Year, but that I think it was printed *Anno, 1595.* Once, I remember, you put a Difference between the one and the other, fogetting what it was, I pray you also with your next, signify the Year of the Print of *Avicen's* Works, which you shall find unbound in  
my

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my Chamber in *Oxon*, and whose Comment it is upon him. Also I wrote of late of somewhat else unto you, which is out of my Remembrance, but because I find by Mr. Principal's Letter that you received it, I hope your next Letter will clear all my Doubts, till when and ever I rest

May 26.

*Your affectionate Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

*I will, God willing, to London again, on Thursday, and tarry a good while.*

XIII.

SIR,

**I** Pray you deliver Mr. *Savile*, or whosoever shall come from him unto you, the Manuscript of St. *Chrysostom* in Greek. For he doth request me, to write a Word or two unto you in that Behalf.

Burnham 28.

*Yours*

Tho. Bodley.

XIV.

SIR,

**T**His Week I received one of your's, and another the last. With this, I had a Catalogue of your Brother's Books, and some others: For which, I thank

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you very heartily : And I pray you also from me thank them all, and your Brother in special, whose Gift above the rest, is of very good Worth.

I do earnestly expect your general Catalogue, for that I cannot go forward in *Norton's* Shop, in buying more Books until I have it from you.

I pray you heartily, hasten the Transcript, and deliver it Mr. *Gent*, who will bring it with him hither, and then I will to *London*; from whence as soon as I return, I will presently to *Oxon*, and order all things there, to your and every Man's Content.

I am glad of that Honour you did to Dr. *Dun*, wherewith you won to your self a great deal of Credit, and did Honour to him, to his great Contentation.

I am sorry the University's Letter, to Sir *John Fortescue*, is undelivered; It is not endited, as I could have wished, if I had bin present; but yet it will serve, though it serve the worse, for coming so slowly.

I would request to know by your next, to which of those that I have formerly named, Mr. Vice-Chancellor hath addressed his Letters. For as a grateful Acknowledgment is requisite, so Speed in the doing will grace it much. Of Sir *John's* coming

coming to you, I can signify nothing yet.  
Commend me to all my good Friends.

Burnham  
Aug. 14.

*Your affectionate one*

Tho. Bodley

XV.

SIR,

I make full Account, to be in *Oxford* my self, at the lest, Nine Days before the *Vesper's Day*, which I take to be the 11th of *July*; and I will order the Matter, that my Books shall be there before.

In your Letter by this Carrier you signify, that Twenty Four Yards of Cord, will serve for either of the Globes, which I do not well conceive. For, methinks Twenty Four Yards were too much for one, that I should conjecture, you mean by either, both, allowing Twelve Yards to each Pulley.

I pray you explicate your self in your next; and as well as you can, by writing, let me know, how the Globe-Cafe of *All Souls College* is fashioned, and how it is drawn up and down. Whether it be counterpoised with a Weight, and how much it may weigh: Whether the Pulley be of Iron, or Timber: Whether the Cafe rest close to the Table, whereon it standeth, or it have Feet for the better taking up:

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And



And what you list besides. For I must here provide for all these things, doubting in *Oxon*, I shall neither have the Leisure nor Means, to have any thing well done. Also signify, I pray you, whether it be tied to the Cord by a Ring, or otherwise. Which is all at this present, where-with I will trouble you.

London,  
June 17.

*Your assured Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

XVI.

SIR,

AS I was going for *Fulham*, I met your Letter at my Door, which made me turn back, to signify for answer, that I have sent you Clips and Wire: And if you find the Wire too weak, it shall be bettered in the next; doubting nothing presently, but that there will not be sufficient, to serve your turn for this time.

I cannot but allow of your Advice, to have a Table, and therein a List of all Men's Names and Gifts, that either by Books or Mony, have encreased the Library, and that to remain in the place it self, till the Register be finished, Howbeit I stand in doubt, it will now be too late; for that the time is too short, for the making of a fair and written Table, where-  
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in our Care must be answerable, to the rest of that Work.

From *Fulham*, God willing, I will send a Note, as I was wont, unto Mr. Vice-Chancellor, of all Contributors unto the Library, since your last Commencement, and withal will shew the Reason, why the Register Book is not sent ; wherein I hope to give Content to him and every other.

There is much to be considered, in the order of placing the Contributors upon any Table ; for that otherwise Offence will be easily taken by one or other. And so fare you well, because my Tide doth call me away.

June 30.

*Your affectionate Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

XVII.

SIR,

FOR divers Respects, there would be great Inconvenience for me to send my Books to *Oxon* ; as when we meet, you will allow.

I have sent by the Carrier, directed to you, Three Hundred Clips, and a Roll of Wire.

I will entreat Mr. Principal to supply my Room, in devising where to place the  
two



two Casements, and to set them up before the A&t.

About the Ladder, I have somewhat in my Mind, to impart at my Coming, for which I cannot well answer that Point of your Letter, but by word of Mouth, and upon some Conference with my Friends there in Place.

I should not hold it fit, to place any Casement in the great Window, at the upper end of the Library.

*Gretserus* you shall have, as soon as the Mart Books are come; but as yet here is nothing heard of there Arrival.

I will not, God willing, be absent from you long, albeit I am uncertain, what Day to assign.

To Morrow I am determined to go for *Fulham* altogether, by Reason of the Sicknes, which increaseth exceedingly: for which, I would request you, whatsoever Letters you shall like, to send hereafter unto me; unless you happen to meet with better means, to direct them to Mr. *Hall* the Minister of *Little St. Bartlemews*, whose House is in the Church-Yard of the Parish. And thus wishing the Continuance of your Welfare, I betake you to the Almighty.

London,  
June 29.

*Your true affected Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

*The Letters which you shall address unto me,  
would*

would be put within a Cover, directed to the aforesaid Minister. I must intreat your Care, in the Custody of such Wire and Clips, as shall be left by John Cheinman.

XVIII.

SIR,

With your Letter of the first of this Month from *London*, I received my Catalogue, but without any Note of those Books in 4<sup>to</sup> and 8<sup>vo</sup>, which perhaps are already in the Library. For which I have caused *Norton's* Man, to take out the Names of those apart, which are in 4<sup>to</sup>, which I pray you peruse; and send me word, if you can by your *Munday's* Carrier, which you have already, or shall hold as needless to be bought.

*Melancthon*, as you have signified is reprinted: But the Old, which I suppose, you have already, is better, for that, as I hear, there are divers Faults in this.

I am but newly come to Town; but I will enquire after Dr. *Edwards*, and Dr. *Bird*, and those Donations made unto the University.

What is done about the Library since your return, I shall be glad to know by your next, and what you please besides. Wherewith I rest

London,  
Oct. 29.

Your true affected Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

XXI.



## XIX.

SIR,

I Know not what is meant by the Note, which I have received herewith : but, as I suppose, it crept in with the rest unknown to your self.

Your Catalogue has only Books in Law and Physick, because, as I imagine, you have gathered none of the other two Faculties. By the Carrier you shall receive your *Frankford* Catalogue, and likewise a Glas of the best Ink, that I can presently find.

I shall request you, that in writing the Names of the Authors, to be fixed at the Heads of the Desks, you would, with your Pen, expresse your Letters, as full as you can : For it chanceth many times, that your Writing is both ill to be read, and understood, by Reason of sundry Letters but half drawn, when your Paper taketh not the Ink, which causeth Obscurity. I pray you pardon my Curiosity in these Trifles : For that I am desirous, as near as I can, to meet with all Exceptions.

My Trust is in you, that my Catalogue shall be written out by your Man, with all Expedition : For that without it, I am no Body. If you cannot find Paper  
large

large and good enough, to write the Tables of the Desks, I think it shall not skill, if two Sheets of some other Paper, than royal, be pasted neatly together; which may be done, as I suppose, without any Blemish. Which is all that I have worth the signifying presently: Whereupon I am to bid you most heartily adieu.

London,  
Sept. 1.

Your ever assured

Tho. Bodley.

*Lest the Carrier should refuse the Carriage of your Glass of Ink, my Man made him believe it was a Glass of distilled Water: and such you must ask for.*

XX.

SIR,

I Heartily thank you, for your Letter, and your Notes upon the Catalogue, which I sent, of Books in Quarto. This Week and the next I do purpose to buy and put out many to binding: of which hereafter I will send you the Names.

I know not yet what to say, to your Notion about my Lord Lumley. But I will learn his Estate of Body, (for that of late he was sick) and use the Advice of Friends, for that which you propose.

Since my last unto you, I have been out of London, until Yesternight, for  
which



which I had no Opportunity, to talk with the Doctors *Bird* and *Edwards*.

I shall meet with Mr. *Knightley* and urge him to that, which he seemeth to promise.

Before you exchange your double Books, I will request you to inform me, for what, and how ; for that haply my advice may stand you in stead.

I am heartily sorry, that you are vexed with the Stone, which no Man hath known better than my self, to be *ex vehementiss. dolorib.* But if it be of the Kidneys, the Danger is not great.

If you find a fit Workman for the chaining of my Books, I pray you set him a Work, and keep a note of your Charge, which I will reimburse, at my next coming thither. Otherwise if you please, stay may be made, till the Chain-man bring his next Course of Chains, and then I will take order, that he shall do them altogether.

I would also intreat you, to put to your Account, whatsoever you pay, from time to time, for the Carriage of your Letters unto me, which shall be answered with the rest, and with special thanks for all.

London, Your most affectionate Friend,  
Oct. 23.

Tho. Bodley.

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XXI.

SIR,

I Hope by your first Carrier the next Week, to receive my Catalogue, without which, I am utterly maimed. I pray you ply Mr. *Powel* till you get those MSS. of *Shropshire*.

Perusing that Note, which you sent me lastly, to be conveyed to *John Bill*, I do find sundry Books, which are already in the Library.

I have sent you, by this Carrier, three several *Nomenclators*, which I have only borrowed; and therefore, when you shall have looked them over, I pray you return them to me.

I desire to know by your next, whether you have *Antonij Lodovic. Opera Medica*; *Franciscus Picus Morandula* his *Exmen Vanitatis Doctrina Gentium, & Veritatis Christianæ Relig.*; *Philostratus Gr. Lat. de Vita Apollonij*; *Proclus* upon the 1. of *Euclide* in four Books, set out by *Barocius. Lat.*

*Spachius*, one of your *Nomenclators*, hath set forth a big Catalogue of all Books in *Philosophy*, and all other kind of Learning; Divinity, Law, and Physick excepted. That I am also promised the  
next



80 Reliquiæ Bodleianæ; Or,

next Week, till when I bid you very often and very heartily adieu.

London,  
Sept. 10.

Your assured ever

Tho. Bodley.

XXII.

SIR,

IN the Note of Imperfection, which you found in the *Interlin. Bible*, you signify that about 11. *Vers. Cap. 15. Deut. de-est ad finem Libri*, which I find is impossible, for that 11. *Versus* is in a manner about the middle of the Page. I pray you clear me therein, and what is wanting shall be sent, as well in that as in *Brentius*.

In your Letter this Week, you make no mention of, *Novus Orbis Regionum & Insularum. fol. Bas. 1537.* which I desired to know, whether it were in the Library. Also now I would request you to tell me, whether you have *Dionis Chrysost. Orationes, Octavo; Opuscula & Quodlibetica Cajetani, cum Tract. De Auctoritate Papæ & Concilij fol. Ven. 1514; Hugonis Senensis Consilia Med. Paulus Venetus de Asia, cum ejusdem Quadratura.*

I cannot as yet answer that Point of Mr. Munday, till I hear from Henry Ball, what Mony he will write for, whereof I pray you ask him the Question, and then

then all together shall be paid here in *London*.

London,  
March 26.

*Your ever assured*

Tho. Bodley.

XXIII.

SIR,

I Hope those little Worms about the Covers of Your Books, come by Reason of their newness, and that hereafter they will away.

I thank you for putting me in mind of Sir *John Fort.*'s Catalogue, for which, God willing, I will take a time.

I have very little Hope, upon *Morley's* Speeches, to get any Books from that Party. I am not acquainted there my self; but yet I will use some Means, to have *Morley* remembred.

I marvel you hear nothing of *Worcester* Books.

What Books are delivered by Mr. *Farmer*, I would willingly know, to the End they may be placed on my Register. I have no other matter to impart for the present, but my very best Wishes to your Welfare.

London,  
June 10.

*Your affectionate Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

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## XXIV.

SIR,

FOR the increase of your Stipend, I do not doubt but to give you very good Satisfaction; but till your Travels and Troubles are seen to every Student, it will be best in my Opinion, not to charge the Spit with too much Roast-meat. But hereof at our Meeting.

My Lord Treasurer hath given Order, for one Hundred Pounds, to be bestowed for him upon the Library: Whereof I have advertised Mr. Vice-Chancellor, to the End it may be notified to the whole University, and Thanks returned thereafter.

Herewith you shall receive a Letter of mine, and therein another from Mr. *Tho. Cornwallis* of the Court, to Mr. *Farmer* of *Somerton*, who made a Promise long since to Mr. *Cornwallis*, to bestow some Books upon the University, if any should come from him or from me, to make choice of the fittest. For which I would intreat you, to take a time when you please, to step over to him, and to deliver the inclosed, whereupon I do not doubt, but he will give us good Content. In any wise take no riff raff Books (for such will but prove a Discredit to our Library) but  
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because I know not whether he will be won, to pay for the binding of such as may need it, and for their Carriage to *Oxon* (in both which Points, you may be bold to urge him as of your self) it will be requisite to take Books, that we have already, whereby those Charges may the better be defrauded. Your Horse-hire, I pray you put to my Account, and it shall be answered. I have sent you by the Carrier Two Hundred Clasps in a little Box, which, I hope, will serve your Turn.

I am not certain what time I come next, unto the University, but it shall be as soon as I may conveniently. In the mean while, I would gladly receive your Register-Inscription. Wherewith I commend you to God's good Tuition.

March 31.

*Your own assured*

Tho. Bodley.

XXV.

SIR,

FOR your *Hebrew* Books, the Matter is not great, if they be not chained, at this next coming of the Smith: For when I come to *Oxon*, I will make you out their Catalogue, and dispose them in their Cells, in which they may



be so placed, as the fear of embeziling will be small. And so for those that want Clasps: For either they may be clasped after they are chained, or not being many, reserved for the next time of chaining. Or in Case you doubt of their Safety, both the *Hebren*, they unclasped, and the double Books, of which only one, or two of some kind (which I refer to your Discretion) must be chained, may all be shut up in your Closets.

I thank you for sending *Mesua*, and for your Care in seeking to change the double Books for some others in St. *John's*, or for Mony, wherewith others may be bought, wherein I shall allow whatsoever you conclude; albeit if your Pleasure may serve, to hear my Advice, we shall help each other the better.

I do earnestly expect that Gentleman's Name, that made the report of Mr. Comptroller's Intention. You shall have more Wire by the next.

There is one that hath written *Regulus utriusq; juris* printed at *Lions*, 1587: I pray you in your next send me his Name, whether he be the Author, Publisher, or Collector; for I have the like offered, and I know not whether it be the same, or some other, than that which you have among the Law-Books. I have written  
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ten to Mr. Vice-Chancellor for two public Letters of Thanks to the Bishop of *Duresme*, and Chapter of *Exon*, which Mr. Principal will procure to be effected.

Jan. 29.

*Your true affected Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

XXVI.

SIR,

FOR that I have Occasion in many things, to confer with you about the Library, and am letted through the Sickness of my Wife, to come to *Oxon* unto you, I shall intreat you some day this Week, to make a Step hither, to tarry for a Night and a Day. You shall be very welcome, and you shall pleasure me much, and I will pay for your Horse-hire: Besides that the Matters of our Conference, will concern your self in many things, and cannot well be debated, by my short Abode in *Oxford*, which is much interrupted always, by the Company of my Friends. Thus expecting your coming, I betake you to God.

Ascot,  
Dec. 26.

*Your assured Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

*You forget me much about the Catalogue, which you promised Five Weeks since, I should have within a Fortnight.*

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SIR,

**Y**OUR's of *Easter-Munday* I received here at *Burnham*, for which I thank you very heartily : and as touching the Contents, we will confer at good length at my coming to *Oxon*, which shall be, God willing, some day the next Week : Till when I wish your Welfare as mine own.

*Burnham,*  
*April 10.*

*Your own assured*

*Tho. Bodley.*

XXVIII.

SIR,

**Y**OU have done me much Ease, with divers of your Answers, to my last the last Week : for which I thank you very heartily : Albeit in divers Points I rest as yet unsatisfied. For where you signify, that your *Vigelius* is in Five Parts, and Three Vol. *Fol. Bas. 1582.* your last Catalogue doth set down *Vigelij Digestorum partes septem fol. Bas 1584 :* So as I know not whether it be the same Volume, or what difference there is in the Titles : Mine here is, *Vigelij Methodus Juris in septem Part. fol. Bas. 1561.*

My

My *Guido de Cauliaco* hath more than you have specified, to wit, *de Balneis Porrectanis*, *Chirurgia Bruni*, *Theodor. Roland. Roger. Lanfranc. Bert. Jesu Haly de Oculis. Lanamusoli de Baldus de Oculis. fol. Ven. 1547.* I pray you tell me, whether your's have as many.

You forgot to write, whether you have two Volumes of Comments, upon *Tully's Orations* and his *Rhetorick*, fol. *Bas. 1541.*

What else I may have requested, I cannot presently call to mind: But if my last unto you be in your way, I pray you review it, and answer every particular. I would intreat you withal to let me know, whether you are furnished of *Stephanus de Urbibus Græce*, of *Theatrum Mundi & Temporis Gallucii*, of *Piccolomini della Sphæra Italice*. I do not find upon my Catalogue, a Manuscript *Scholia* in Greek upon *Sophocles* of Sir *John Fortescue's* Gift: Which yet I do not doubt, but you shall find in your Closets.

If you have not yet written, nor have no Means to send to *Dr. Chalenor*, let me know by your next, and I will take some Course from hence, to write unto him.

I would request you, if you know for certain, the authentical Words of the Incorporation of our University, which



have been, and are to be used, at any Donation made unto them, that you would signify them unto me. Wherewith wishing you all the Happiness that your self doth most desire, I commend your Welfare to God's own Blessing.

*From London,  
Jan. 5.*

*Your most assured*

*Tho. Bodley.*

## XXIX.

SIR,

**F**OR mine own Part I do not dislike, that a Gentleman Stranger, upon Request first made unto the Congregation, should have, as all others, free Access into the Library; so that he take the same Oath. For methinks to require a Caution withal, is to minister an Oath to him that we trust not, and savoureth of Discourtesy. And as touching those Points, of which you informed me before, about the Proceeding of Mr. Vice-Chancellor, I pray you let them rest, till my coming to *Oxon*, which shall not be long: At which time, we will also confer about a Clock. In the mean while, we are to tolerate many things in this first Frequentation of the Library, which shall notwithstanding be reformed hereafter, when a perfect Book of Statutes shall be framed  
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for the Purpose. The Inconvenience of spitting cannot otherwise be remedied, than by the increase of his Diligence, that is to cleanse the Library: For which you know I do allow four Marks.

Mr. *Tho. Sackvil*'s Request can by no means be satisfied. For before we shall have conveyed a Catalogue unto him, of such Books as he requireth, and received his Answer, or Books out of *Italy*, I hope to be provided, by *John Bill*'s Diligence, of more than Mr. *Sackvil* can procure. For he hath been already, at *Venice, Ferrara, Padua, Verona, Brescia, Mantua, Pavia, Milan, Florence, Pisa, Rome, &c.* and hath bought as many Books as he knew I had not, amounting to the Sum of, at the least, Four Hundred Pounds, besides those that he may have bought since his last unto me, which was in *December*. In which respect I would intreat Mr. *D. Rives* ( to whom I pray you recommend me most kindly ) to be a means to Mr. *Sackvil*, that he would refer the choice of such, as he is willing to confer upon the Library, either to my self, or to some Friend of his, and then according to the Sum, which he will bestow, he shall have the choicest in those kinds that he affecteth. Howbeit it will be requisite that I know his Resolution, with his speedy



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dy Opportunity : which is all I have to signify presently unto you.

London,  
Feb. 18.

*Your affectionate Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

*I pray you send me word, whether you have Joseph ben Gorion in Hebrew, with Munster's Translation, and Scholia in fol.*

XXX.

SIR,

**Y**OUR Letters are come in such a time to my Hands, as I have not the Leisure, to make any kind of Answer. Your University-Letter to the Bishop of *Duresm*, I pray you keep in your Custody, till my coming to *Oxon*, which shall be, God willing, on *Munday* or *Tuesday*.

Feb. 18.

*Your assured*

Tho. Bodley.

XXXI.

SIR,

**A**SSure your self both I and my Books will be with you soon enough, albeit I could wish it sooner by a Fortnight, to the end you might have time, to do all things at your Ease and good Leisure. But there is more Pains and Trouble required to it, than any Man will think, that is  
not

not with me present. My Books, God willing, shall be with you, upon *Tuesday* or *Wednesday* come Sevennight, and I my self do appoint, to be there about the same time. I have also appointed *John Smith* to be there the *Munday* before, to the end he may finish those Books, that are there unchained at this present. I could wish that you had forbore, to displace your Books, as you write in your last, till the Coming of these to *Oxon*: For that, as I suppose, you might have done it far better to your Content.

I would intreat you to signify in courteous manner, to such as give but a Book or two, as Mr. *Hawthorn* and some others, that they may not expect, for a Couple of little Books in Octavo, to be recorded on the Register. For so I should fill it as full of Men's Names almost as of Books: but they must either better their Gifts, or be contented, to have only their Names written on the Books, as bestowed on the publick Library.

*Musculus* on the Psalms I have already. Your Brother *Edward* is come hither, and hath been with me. Having nothing else presently, I commend all your Actions to God's good Direction.

London,  
June 18.

*Your assured ever*

Tho. Bodley.  
XXXII.



## XXXII.

SIR,

I Send away my Books this Evening, which will be at *Oxon*, God willing, on *Thursday* at the furthest. With them you shall have Clips, Wire, and all things needful. You must entreat *John Smith* to stay in *Oxford*, till the coming of my Books, and I will consider him for it.

You have done exceeding well to allow more Partitions to *A. B. C.* For I bring as many Books, as I did the last Year, and for Divinity more. When *Bullinger*, *Bretius*, and *Bucer's* Works shall come in, I doubt your Ten Partitions for *B.* will hardly serve the turn. But all this I leave to your better Consideration.

My Lord *Cobham* hath given Fifty Pounds to the Library, and promiseth divers MSS. out of *St. Augustin's* Library in *Canterbury*, which I will call for hereafter. I purpose to be with you upon *Wednesday* or *Thursday* Morning early : And then I will stay to take order in all things.

Of the inclosed Bills, that of Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings is for your self to be paid by *Mr. Munday* : The other I pray you deliver to *Henry Ball*. Whatsoever besides you have disbursed, I will answer  
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at my coming, till when I bid you very heartily adieu.

London,  
June 25.

Your most affectionate Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

XXXIII.

SIR,

I Am still of one Opinion, that *Ifocratis Opera Græ. Lat.* is better than *Ifocrates. Opera Græ. Lat.* For albeit many might allow it, being done already, yet had it been *integrum*, they would not at first have advised you to it. For indeed it is *absolum*, and unusual, though now it may pass, being done already.

I pray you signify unto me, what order is taken about the Oath, and all other things.

I have told Mr. *Chalenor* as much, that I know his Sister cannot furnish me of twenty Pounds worth of Books of Protestant Writers: And I suppose there be not so many to be had, either there, or here, or any where that I have not already. You shall do well, in my Opinion, to advertise him what you find, to the End he may not rely upon that which is impossible.

Of Mr. *Canninges* I did not hear before. When his Mony is received, and Books bought,



bought, let me have his proper and Surname, with the Catalogue of his Books, to the intent I may put him to my Register.

In any wise, remember to send me a Copy of somewhat written with the Hand of that Party, whom you recommended, for a special good Writer, at my being last in *Oxon*.

I marvel nothing comes from *Worcester*, In my Catalogue of *Paris* Books, before *Alexandri Lectura* fol. 4. Vol. you have put *N. L.* by which Letters I know not what is meant, but expect your Solution.

I shall long to hear from you, what is resolved by Mr. Vice-Chancellor and the University. Commend me to your self most kindly.

Oct. 13.

Your true affected Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

XXXIV.

SIR,

**T**His Morning I sent you a Letter, wherein I forgot to inclose these two Catalogues, of which I pray you send me word, which are there in the Library. I have all the Fathers, as I take it, in *Paris* Print, but few of *Basil*, for which I desire to have those marked which you want

want : Because I will buy them here at this time. And so again I commend you to God's good Tuition.

London,  
May 7.

*Your affectionate Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

XXXV.

SIR,

**Y**OUR last upon *Munday*, brought the best Tidings, of any that you sent, at any time unto me. For now methinks my long Design, is come to some Perfection : Sith the place is frequented, and you established in your Charge. For which, and for all the whole course, of good Proceeding in this Action, I find my self respected by Mr. Vice-Chancellor, a great deal more than is due to my Desert : As I will take good Occasion to let him understand in time convenient.

You pleasure me much with your weekly Advertisements, of that which passeth about the Library : Wherein every particular I desire to know from you, as your Occasions will permit : especially now that things are put in Practice. For I will be careful to reform, and cause to be reformed, whatsoever shall be needful. And so for this time I leave you, with affectionate Wishes of infinite Happiness to  
your



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your self, and that place, whereof the Preservation doth chiefly consist in your Industry and Care.

From London,  
November 10.

Your very assured

Tho. Bodley.

XXXVI.

SIR,

AS touching the times for shutting the Library, for mine own Opinion, I should conform my self altogether, *mutatis mutandis*, to the order set down in the old Decrees. Howbeit I desire that Mr. Vice-Chancellor and the Delegates should determine of this, as of every thing else: and would pray you to certify, what Course shall be taken, not failing to send me your double Books by *Sharp*. Where-with I betake you to God's good Keeping.

London,  
Dec. 17.

Your assured ever

Tho. Bodley.

XXXVII.

SIR,

I Pray you signify in your next, whether you have these Authors, *Pet. Martyris Decades; ejusdem Legationis Babylonica lib. 3; Novus Orbis Regionum & Insularum*

*Insularum*, &c. Bas. 1537; *Oribasius's Works*; *Velutello* upon *Dante*; for your Catalogue doth mention a Comment upon *Dante*, without specifying the Author's Name. Two great Volumes of Commentators upon *Tully*, fol. Bas. 1533; *Euripides Gr. Lat. cum Annot. Stiblini, Mycilli, &c.* fol. *Methodus Juris Civil. Vigelij*; *Beatus Rhenanus de reb. Germanicis*; *Liber de Germanorum prima Origine & Moribus*, &c. Your Catalogue sets down *Thucydides Gr. Lat. cum Annot.* without specifying his Name, which I would willingly know. Likewise your Man hath written *Borrhaus in Ecclesiasticem*, whereby I know not whether he mean *Ecclesiastem* or *-asticum*. You have *Chalcondylas de Origine & Rebus Gestis Turc.* but whether it be the same, that one hath offered me in French *de la Decadence de l' Empire Grec & Establissement de Celuy des Turcs*, I know not. Let me also request you to send me the Title of the Chirurgy of *Guido de Cauliaco*: for that I am offered one with the Tracts of *Brunus, Theodoricus, Jesu Hali, &c.* Which happily are printed in a great Volume, together with divers of Chirurgy. What Year and where your *St. Brigit's Revelations* were printed, is not noted, which I pray signify; because I am otherwise offered one that is of the best. Where

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you



you set in your Catalogue *Cacherani Jurisc. Consilia*, I would fain know, whether it be the same, with this *Decisiones Senatus Pedemontani*. You put upon your Catalogue the *Hebrew Bible* with the Comment of the Rabbins, in fol. 4. Vol. twice, whereas one is only in 4 Volumes and the other in 2. both differing in the Year of the World. Besides *Forestius's* Works which are unchained, I do find *Lycophron's Alexandra Gr.* Quarto double, and yet not at all set down on your Catalogue. Likewise *Cempendium Theologic. Verit. per Jo. de Combis* in Sixteens; besides Six or Seven more in fol. than we sent, for which I will attend *John Smith's* coming to you: Having nothing more now to add, but my kindest Commendations, with Request to receive your Answer, to all Particulars herein.

Your ever assured

London,  
Dec. 29.

Tho. Bodley.

XXXVIII.

SIR,

**L**EST you should fall into an Error which may turn me to Losses, I pray you let me know as soon as you may, what Books you shall have chosen, for Mr. Doctor *Challenor*. For I have bought a great many since my Coming to London, so as I doubt very much, I am either  
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sped of all, or of the greatest Part at least, that are to be found in all the Shops at *Oxon*. Of Protestant Writers in fol. I do not think, but in a manner, we have all that can be gotten : And for other kind of Writers in matter of Religion or otherwise, he cannot there be so well fitted, for the Goodness of his Books, or for the Cheapness of their Prices, as he may be from hence. And if his Mony be bestowed in Octavo Books, and such other small Volumes, as you seem to signify, it would not make his Gift so commendable. I wrote somewhat unto him, at my being in *Burnham* as touching these Matters : And if so be I had seen him since, my Speeches should have tended, to persuade him to give some special good Authors in all Professions, and not to have valued the buying of them more in *Oxon*, than here; sith the choice there is so poor, and the Benefit so slender, that his Sister shall reap of twenty Pounds worth of Books.

I pray you once again, peruse *Albertus Magnus*, whether any thing be missing upon any part of the *Organum*. For here I can have him now very fair in one Volume fol. *Ven*. 1532.

Mr. Doctor *Edes*, as I am told is not in *London*, for which you must not give over your Writing unto him.



I would willingly know what is become of Mr. *Farmor's* Books of *Sommerton*, whether they be placed in the Library, or in your Custody.

As yet I have not seen Mr. Principal, but if he come not of himself, I will either seek him my self, or send some other unto him.

My Register Book is safely delivered, but for want of Hay between it and the hard Boards of the Case, it is somewhat grated in the Carriage. I have nothing else for this time, but to wish your Welfare and Prosperity to your greatest Contentation.

From London,      *Your true loving Friend,*  
November 24.

Tho. Bodley.

Sir, *If you can like of it, I pray you send my Letter to Dr. Chalenor: But as of your self, and not as moved unto it by me.*

*About my double Books, I will write to you in my next.*

XXXIX.

SIR,

I Pray you repair to Mr. Principal *Hawley*, and read the Transcript of the Letter to Mr. Vice-Chancellor. For I have not the Leisure, nor a Scribe to take a Copy

py for you. It is touching my Purpose now at Hand, to open the Library, which methinks it is fit, should be publickly notified, and careful Order taken for every point apart.

I have written my Opinion of you and your Office, I hope to your Content. I pray you tell me what you think of my Course of Proceeding. For if it be not to the Liking of my Friends there with you, I will frame another presently to their better Satisfaction.

The Parties that you signify will become Contributors, to wit my Lord of *Cumberl.* Mr. *Helmeston*, Mr. *Ledsham*, shall want no putting in Remembrance.

I am so weary of writing to Mr. Vice-Chancellor, that I must bid you farewell before I begin.

Upon the Delivery of the Bill here inclosed, you shall receive of Mr. *Munday* Five Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence, not knowing yet the Sum, which may be due besides unto you, for some Disbursements of yours: which when you shall advertise, I will presently defray, commending you the while to God's special Tuition.

*Your ever assured*

Tho. Bodley.



*I pray you send me Word, whether you have Caroli Molinæi Commentarij in Consuetudines Parisienses, &c. fol. Lausan. 1576. You shall do well, when the time is for it, to take into your Hands Mr. President of Magd. his Books, and to place them in the Library.*

XL.

SIR,

**I**F you could signify unto me, where and how those Places should be framed, for the Custody of the *Manuscripts*, I would willingly put it in present Execution: but your Closets are for lesser Books, which will be room little enough, and the grated Places will suffice but for a few, that of Force all the Manuscripts must be chained with the rest, unless you reserve some of the Rarer, and most esteemed, to be within the Grates, or the Closets. And as for your Proposal to have them chained upon Shelves by themselves, that will come to one Purpose, as if they were chained mixtly with the rest. For the Opportunity of embezling, will be in a manner as ready that way as the other. As withal I hold Opinion, that among the printed, there will be very many, not much less to be respected, than some of your rarer *Manuscripts*. And therefore  
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my Opinion is still, that they should be chained as the rest, reserving only the most singular and rare for your Closets or the Grates, and committing all the rest, to the Trust which we must repose in Men's Oaths, and Consciences.

As touching the figuring of the Books with great Letters, as it is not so needful to be presently done, so at my coming to *Oxon*, I will impart unto you what Inconvenience I conceive may ensue, for which, I desire it may be better digested. For that, as I think, you are busied at this present in perfecting your Catalogues, I thought to advertise, That the Catalogue, which you wrote out here for my Use, is very imperfect. For having Occasion within these two Days to look upon it, I found by chance *Averroes* omitted, and *Abucasæ methodus medendi*: And whereas *Drusius's* Works were printed at several Places, as at *Franck*, *Antwerp*, *Leiden*, you have set them down as printed all at *Franck*: And there are of them not named at all, for that, as I imagine, they were bound some two or three together, and you perhaps looked on the first. As in *Hoseam*, which haply you shall find with *Tremellius in Hos.* also in *Amos*, and perhaps some others not set down at all, which you shall find. And haply the

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like may fall out in divers other Volumes, where divers Authors and Treatises be joyned together likewise. I find *Melan-ethonis Opera* set down without expressing the Place or Year, or number of Volumes. *Offucius de Astrorum fauclt.* is put among Books in Quarto, it being in Folio. Which I signify unto you, to the end that in making your new Catalogue, you might do it leisurly and perfectly, by going over the Books themselves, and not by trusting to your former Catalogue. For I stand in doubt, as there has been an Error in these, so there is in sundry others, sith this fell out, upon a small View, which I made by hap, in seeking for some Books.

I have herewith sent you a note of all *Drusius's* Works, of which I would willingly know which are wanting, to the end they may be bought. As far as I remember, only *in minores Prophetas* was unbought, and not here to be had.

I pray you do me the Favour to salute Mr. Doctor *Bond* from me, and sith it was his Pleasure, besides the Gift of his Ten Pounds, to make Offer of some Books of his own Store, if it stand with his good Liking, I would willingly know the Author's Names, which he will part withal, to the end I may not buy them  
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here, being busied at this present, in buying and binding a great Quantity. Which I pray you so signify with my kindest Wishes to his Welfare.

Mr. *Burbil* of *Corp. Chr. Col.* is the Bearer hereof, whose Book I shall request you to place in the Library, and so to signify unto him. I would likewise intreat you to tell Mr. *Catagre*, that my Hatter hath sent me a Hat, which he shall find at the Carriers directed to himself. Commend me lastly and principally to Mr. Principal and Mr. *Allen*, and desire Mr. Principal to call upon *Keies* for the Doors of the Grates to be reformed with the soonest. Forget me not to Mr. *Haydock*, your Brother and your self, and so I bid you most heartily adieu.

*Your own assured*

Tho. Bodley.

*It were well that the Chain-Man were sent for with the soonest, and I will send you more Wire by the next.*

XLI.

SIR,

I Cannot call to mind, what old *English Manuscript Bible* you mean, that was given by *William Williams*; neither can I remember, that ever before you wrote unto



to me of it. Whether it be bound or unbound, a perfect Bible or only a Parcel, or whether it be worth the registering of his Name, I cannot conjecture. And as for Mr. *Canning*, you do not signify the Place of his Dwelling, to the end I may thank him, nor to whom his Mony there was paid; in the bestowing whereof there may be an Error soon committed, by buying such Books, as I have already bought here. And therefore, unless it were by his special Appointment, that some Man named by him is to buy them, I know better how to employ his Mony, than any other, dy reason of the Multitude of Books, which I have here sent out of *Italy* and other Places.

I am sorry, that I took not my self, at my being in *Oxon*, the Names of those *Rabbins*, that have commented, upon each Book of the Bible, in both of them that you have there, which is easily seen, by the meanest *Hebrician* in the first Page of the first Volumes. And if it be so, that your self cannot prevail so much with any of those that are skilled, I pray you cause them to be intreated unto it, by some Doctor or other that can prevail so far. For I make a stay of another Bible here, until such time, as I may hear, whether it be the same, as any of those two, which  
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I and Sir *John Fortescue* gave. Once I find, that this here doth agree with neither of those, in the time of the printing, nor in divers other things: and yet haply the same *Rabbins* Expositions, are in other as are in this. Which is all for the present.

London,  
May 11.

*Your affectionate ever*

Tho. Bodley.

XLII.

SIR,

I Will write to *John Bill*, and also otherwise require, for more Catalogues of Books; and it may be by my next, I shall serve your turn with one or two: Albeit, as I suppose, there will be time enough hereafter, to hearken after such: sith our need is not great of any such now. For I am much more intentive, to that which is to be performed, at the opening of the Library, in the sightly and methodical contriving and writing, of the Tables to the Desks. For I would not by any Means, that any such Error be committed, as may justly be censured by any Comers in, at their first Access. I pray you signify in your next, how you purpose to make the Catalogues belonging to the two Closets, which must be thought upon advisedly. What



What Mr. *Slatter's* living was I know not; but I would it were in me, to stand you therein: And then your Desire you should soon have an end.

A Clock and a Bell will be needful for the Library, for sundry good Purposes: but every thing must have his time.

I do not doubt, but you will hasten your Man, about finishing of my Catalogue and send it as soon as possibly you can. In the mean while repute me still, as I am.

Barnham, *Your most affectionate Friend*,  
Sept. 6.

Tho. Bodley.

### XLIII.

SIR,

I Am very glad to hear of Sir. *John Fortescue's* coming thither: Whom I know you will welcome, according to his Dignity, and Desert to that Place. You shall do best, in my Judgment, to be so short, as he may not conceive it, to be much premeditate: which will make so much more for your own Commendation. Howbeit I could wish, that the Joyners did return, out of Hand, for the sooner finishing of those Shelves. For their Work in that Place, is no ill Sight to Sir *John* or to any.

I pray you hasten your Man's writing of my Catalogue: The Want whereof in  
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good Perfection, both hath and will trouble me not a little. And if you please to send me a Note of the principal Books in Folio, printed in *Italy, Paris* or *Lyons*, of those which you have lately collected to be wanting in the Library, I will presently convey it to *John Bill*, who is now in *Paris*. I would only have such as are printed in those Places, or elsewhere thereabout, and not all in Folio that you have gathered, but some of the Principal, for the more Expedition, of your copying of them out.

As touching your *Frankford* Catalogues, there is a big Volume in Quarto printed, containing all from the Year 64. to 92. There is likewise an other from that time, to 1600 in Quarto, printed by *Henningus*, These are both to be had at *Norton's*. But I think it is the latter that you require: Whereof I pray you send me Word, and I will convey it with my next Letter. Wherewith at this present I bid you adieu.

London,  
August 27.

*Your assured ever*

Tho. Bodley.

XLIV.

SIR,

**A**S touching the Scrivener with you, I must defer my Resolution, till I see  
his



his Hand-writing, and come to *Oxon* my self: Which I purpose to do as soon as I can, and I tthink will fall out, soon upon the Holy-Days. I will also then resolve, concerning the enlarging the grated Desks.

I pray you sollicite your *Cambridge* Friend, about the Transcript of a Leaf, of that old Register, that we may serve our Turns with their Device.

The Bishop of *Duresme*, hath given me his Word for Fifty Pounds unto the Library, whereof e're be long, I will by Letter give Notice to Mr. Vice-Chancellor. He is also half resolved, to take *Oxon* in his way homeward, which may haply be, within these eight Days: which if it so happen, a short sweet welcome of your Part unto him, will come fitly to pass. I pray you commend me to Mr *Haidock*, and make much of your self.

London,  
Dec.22.

*Your ever assured*

Tho. Bodley.

XLV.

SIR,

**B**Ecause in your Letter by this Carrier, you make me no Answer, to that which I desired, to know of Mr. *Canning*, I am forced twice to trouble both you  
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and my self. For it is very requisite, that every Contributor should be known unto me, and likewise to whom they deliver their Mony, that Occasion serving, I may shew my self thankful to the Giver, whose Name I must record, and withal require his Gift, of him that did receive it. And if it shall happen, that it be not forth coming, I will both impart my Advice to you, about the Recovery, and conceal his Name from the Knowledge of others, as long as is fit.

The Breeding of Worms in your Desks, we cannot prevent: but for the moulding of the Books, it may soon be remedied, if the Cleanser of the Library do his Duty. For I do expect at his Hands, that for my Four Marks Stipend, he should not only sweep the Library, but at the least twice a Quarter, with clean Cloths strike away the Dust and moulding of the Books, which I am of Opinion, will not then continue long, sith now it proceedeth chiefly of the Newness of the Forrels, which in time, will be less and less dankish.

As touching the Casements, I will take some Order, at my Coming to *Oxon*, which shall be, God willing, within this Fort-  
night,



night, commending you the while to God's  
blessed Protection.

April 13.

*Your affectionate ever*

Tho. Bodley.

XLVI.

SIR,

First I must thank you very heartily,  
for your costly Token to me and my  
Wife, which we do wish may be a Token  
of a great deal of Happiness to you and  
to yours. And for all other matters signi-  
fied, in your two the last Week, and in  
an other by this Carrier, as well touching  
the Oath to be taken by the Graduates, as  
other Particulars, of Force I must forbear  
to deliver my Opinion, till I hear  
what is fully concluded by the Delegates,  
and put in publick Practise. Howbeit I  
hold my self greatly beholding unto you,  
for your careful Information, of their  
Form of Proceeding: Albeit as yet I have  
had no Notice, neither more nor less,  
from any other Friend. But I hope by  
the next, the next Week, to be fully sa-  
tisfied in every Point at length.

*From London,*  
October 23.

*Your assured Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

XLVII.

XLVII.

SIR,

THE last Week I could hardly attend the answering your Letter, for that our publick Occasions set us otherwise a Work. But still I had a Care, that by the next Carrier after our Lady Day, I would discharge my Debt unto you; which now I send here inclosed: being Twenty Nobles for your self, and Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence, for that Party which cleanseth the Library.

I think Mr. Taylor of Merton-College hath bestowed some Books upon the Library, as it was his Promise here to me: And for ought I could perceive, the most of them were such, as were already in the Library. For which I would intreat you to send me a Note of such as he hath delivered, and for the Books, to reserve those to be placed in the Library, which you have not already, and the rest to send hither, to the End I may exchange them for others, as my Promise was here unto himself. Likewise if you shall have received any other Gift-Books, of which I have not been advertised, I pray you signify the Giver's Names, together with the Catalogue of their Books, to the end I may write them down upon my publick Register



ster. Wherewith I commend you most heartily, to the Almighty's Tuition.

London,  
March 29.

*Your ever assured*

Tho. Bodley.

*I pray you tell Mr. Allen, that my Wife hath sent her Lady's Rent in a Bottle, by the Carrier of St. John's College.*

XLVIII.

SIR,

I Had clean forgotten to remember Mr. Vice-Chancellor, that when the Library-Oath shall be taken by the Graduates, it will be also expedient, that order were taken for administering the self same Oath hereafter, to every Graduat at the time of his Admission; which was, as you know, the ancient Course expressly set down in the University-Statutes. I pray you take the Pains to signify that unto him, and so commend me very specially.

I received your Catalogue, wherein your Man hath committed many Faults in the writing, of sundry kinds. If it be the very same that you are purposed to fix to the Heads of your Desks, I could wish, if now it had been *integrum*, and not too late, that many Titles of Authors had been somewhat more contracted,  
for

for the gaining of Room. And withal, that you had forbore to set down in that kind the Author's Names, in the *Nominative* Case without any Construction, as once I remember I signified before by Word of Mouth. For it is, methinks, somewhat harsh, and not so usual, nor *Latine-like*: As when you put *Isocrates Opera Gr. & Lat.* And *Chrysostomus Javellus Operus ejus* To. 3. Whereas to my seeming it had been sufficient to have put *Chrys. Javelli Opera*. I cannot chuse but impart my Fancy unto you in the smallest Matters of the Library.

I have herein sent you a Bill to *Munday*, for the residue of your Stipend, and for the Mark due to him that cleanseth the Library. I know not what you have disbursed: But I will presently discharge it upon the Sight of your Note.

I have herewith sent you a Note of such Books as *John Bill* hath bought for me in *Paris*: Which I pray you return with your next unto me. For it came but this Morning to my Hands, and I have not yet considered of them, as I purpose by Conference with my Catalogue: Albeit, as I suppose, I have but few of them already.

Herewith I leave you for this present, beseeching God to prosper your Studies



in Divinity, and to increase that great good liking, which all Men, as I hear, have conceived already, of your Sufficiency and Worth.

London,  
Oct. 8.

*Your true affected Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

XLIX.

SIR,

I Received that last Weeks Letter of yours, which you thought had miscarried, and therein your Advertisement, how all things had past among the Delegates : But it was not fit for me to signify to any Man in private, what I liked or disliked : Unless that some had been appointed, by Consent among themselves, to require my Opinion. For otherwise I will allow whatsoever it is, that they shall resolve, although they ask not my Advice : presuming still that they will ask it, when they shall think it expedient. And therefore by no means I will have no Allegation of my Judgment in any thing, unless it be demanded by themselves : And if so be there should be Cause, for me to give them Notice, of any Point in particular, I would either signify my Mind unto Mr. Vice-Chancellor, or by Letter addressed

dress'd to all the Delegates. For that were *decorum* in my Conceit.

As touching your Man's Admittance, the Consideration of it belongeth to the Delegates, as every thing else. For if they leave it unto me, I think that under the Keeper, there should be no Officer, but only some Body that you shall appoint to sweep and keep clean the Books and Desks and Floor from Dust: Which would be done, in my Opinion, while your self shall be present in some part of the Library: And then it will be needless, to minister any Oath to a Person of that Quality: Sith I cannot conceive, how a waiting Servant shall have Business to stay there, it being otherwise very dangerous for many Considerations,

I pray you continue your Diligence, in advertising how all things pass, howsoever I forbear to deliver my Opinion of their general Proceeding. You shall see I will do it in time convenient, and when need is, both to their and your Content, and so with many happy Wishes of fortunate Success to this Beginning of your Charge, I betake you to God.

From London,  
November 3.

Your affectionate ever

Tho. Bodley.



L.

SIR,

I Will take such Order, God willing, with some that are here of Mr. *Sheldon's* House, as *John Smith* shall be with you, with all the Chains he can provide, upon *Munday* or *Tuesday* come Sevenight, and finish all that is there, and to be sent from hence at one time: So as all his Work may be performed six Days before the Act.

I do continually find my last Catalogue to be more and more imperfect. For I am very well assured that you have *Articella* the Physician, and yet he is missing on the Catalogue: You do also set down in *Schegius's* Works, *Schegii Opuscula* upon some Parts of the *Organon*, without expressing on which, whereby I rest uncertain what is wanting of that Author, whose Works I am willing to have whole. And here I am to intreat you, that by no means you will lend any Book out of the Library. For I perceive there have been sundry carried forth, and some sent hither: Whereas, for mine own Part, I have refused here my best Friends in such Requests: and there be divers that know it, and speak against it of Strangers.

That

That Complaint for Want of Casements, shall be provided for at my coming to you next:

What Day to appoint for the Delivery of my Books at *Oxon*, I know not as yet. But reckon upon it, that they shall come in very good time, for disposing and chaining, with all other things requisite.

Almost every Letter doth bring with it some Books of Gift, for which the University as well as my self, are greatly beholding to your friendly Endeavours. Thus much in Post, being newly come from,

Burnham,  
June 16.

*Your own in all Assurance*

Tho. Bodley.

L.

SIR,

**T**HE News of Sir. *John Townsin* was very true: For I received a Letter from my Lord *Mountjoy*, by which he shewed what Order he had taken for one Hundred Pounds to be delivered unto me, which I hope to receive within this Seven-night; and then the University shall have Notice of it, from me, to the end he may receive their grateful Acknowledgement by a publick Letter.

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If you shall be acquainted with any about my Lord *Windsor*, I pray you solicit his Promise.

To Mr. *Fiz-Herbert* I have signified, that I will stand him in any thing, to my uttermost Power. I would request you in your next, to signify the Year and the Place, where his *French Bible* was printed, and withal to answer a Doubt or two, which I moved in my last Week's Letter.

I have *Gualther's Works*, and *Farinacens*, but not *Vellofillus's Concordance*, which if you get, I will forbear to buy here.

I shall desire you to send me a perfect Catalogue of Dr. *Bond's Gift Books*, because there were some in your former omitted, and the Places and Years wherein they were printed not put to them all.

I do daily draw in new Contributions, that I hope the next Act, to shew a very fair Muster. *Vale ita ut cum maxime.*

London,  
April 30.

Your assured

Tho. Bodley.

LII.

SIR,

I Received your Note by Mr. *Gent* of our new Benefactors, among which I like best Mr. *Braybrook's Offer*, which would be

be solicited *dextre* and speedily, but without Importunity, as all voluntary Offers. If he send his Books hither to me, I will give him a Note of my Hand, of so many received to the University's Use, as it shall be hereafter publicly registred: and you may promise the like, if he send them unto you: And so you must to as many, as bestow any Books: which would be called on, with all the good speed that Conveniency, fit Time and good Manners will afford. For many Men's Minds do alter so soon, as it will be requisite always to open the Poak, when the Pig is presented.

It would be needful I should know in what Books you will bestow Mr. *Wroton's* Forty Shillings, and Mr. *Baker's* Twenty Shillings, wherein I can help you very little, being ignorant, what Books are there with *Joseph Barns*. But having taken the Catalogue, you may soon find out, what Books are unbought.

You told Mr. *Gent*, as it seemeth, that Mr. Vice-Chancellor is desirous to know to whom he should address his Letters of Thanks in the University's Name. I have here in a Schedule sent my Opinion, which I pray you impart to Mr. Vice-Chan-



Chancellor, and signify withal that I and my Service are at his Disposition.

*From London, Your true affected Friend,*  
June 25.

Tho. Bodley.

LIII.

SIR,

**T**HE general liking of the Library doth greatly content me; and fain I would answer their Desires, which would have it frequented out of Hand: But so many Chains, as shall be requisite, cannot suddainly be made, nor many things more performed, which appertain unto the Place, and the Books, and to the Dignity and State of an Action begun with so great Expectation.

The Necessity of having Casements, will soon appear hereafter, and they may be quickly had. But I am of Opinion, that when this present Heat, which is very unusual, shall be slack'd, there will be little Cause to complain again this twelve Month.

I pray you keep a note of the Books that are double, and let me have it, with the Catalogue, which I desire should be written as your own, with placing the *Folio* Books by themselves in the Alphabet, and then the *Quarto*, &c. I do not think  
that

that you shall find, above one or two Books of a sort, that are double, being new bought. But among Mr. *Gent's* there were divers new bound, which may seem new bought, when I had the same before, not knowing what Books he would give in his latter Gift: whereby they fell to be double. Howbeit we shall have time enough, and means to make them away with very little Loss: And my Desire is, that you would be very sparing in acquainting others, with such Books, or with any other Imperfection, in this first Collection. I would willingly understand what Fault is found with the Chains. For I know they will catch, but yet less than any that I have seen.

At my Departure from *Oxford* last, Mr. Vice-Chancellor did promise, that I should have the Copies of such Letters as should be written to Sir *John Fortescue*, and the Bishop of *Hereford*, which I pray you procure and send unto me, and signify withal, by whom, and when they shall be sent. I would also understand to whom it was resolved, that the Vice-Chancellors, should address their particular Letters of Thanks in the University's Name; which importeth very much, for the Encouraging of other Gentlemen, to be done with good Respect.



I would intreat you to speak to Mr. Principal to send me a Note what Volumes are superfluous, and what is wanting in *Menochius's* Works. Likewise at your good Leisure, I would request a Catalogue of every one of their Books, which were procured there by you in the University, to wit of Mr. *Ridley's*, Mr. *Draper's*, the School-Masters of *Winton*, your Brother's, &c. to the end, I may put them down orderly on my Register.

My Hope was and is, that the greatest part of our Protestant Writers will be given : But whether they be or no, they shall all be had before the Place be frequented. I pray you be not weary of writing often to me. For the good Disposition of all things in the Library, doth greatly depend upon our continual Correspondence. And thus for the present I bid you heartily adieu.

London,      *Your affectionate fast Friend,*  
July 22.

Tho. Bodley.

*I pray you remember to send me an Example of their Hands, whose writing you commended unto me, at my Being in Oxon.*

LIV.

SIR,

THE Books that you mention in your Catalogue are delivered; but some, I doubt, I shall find, upon perusing my Notes, to be left yet behind: As among others I remember you have *Forestius* in Folio, and likewise in Octavo or Sixteens, which may be retained. If I find any more, you shall understand it by my next. I have paid Mr. *Farmer* Seven Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence, which you shall receive by the Bill herewith, whereof Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence is for your self, and Thirteen Shillings and Four Pence for the Cleanser of the Library.

I pray you signify in your next, what Store of Chains, Clasps, and Wire is left. I shall also request you to commend me to Mr. Principal very heartily, and put him in Mind that I desire to hear from him concerning *Franc. Ripa*. which is as much as I have presently to impart unto you.

London,  
Dec. 22.

*Your unfeigned Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.



## LV.

SIR,

**I** Pray you be of good Comfort, and think not otherwise, but that I consider throughly of your Toils and Pains in your Charge; which I will e'er be long, lay open to those, that are to think thereof as well as I; so as every way I make no doubt, but you shall receive at our Hands effectual Satisfaction. I know well now at first, by reason of those Catalogues, and other Services required to the ordering of the Library, you must needs be somewhat letted from your Course of Reading many Authors: But yet in my Opinion, this perusing of Titles and Authors is not Void of Profit altogether; and when hereafter things are settled, you shall have time at will to Study, by reason of those Hours, in which your Presence in the Library will be daily required. And if I be not deceived too much, you will reap more Fruit of one Year's study in that manner, than you did in two, by your former Course of Life. But hereof more at our Meeting; which shall be, God willing, some time of next Week, and as near as I can, I will appoint it, about the time that I think my Books may be there: For which I do now, but expect the coming of a Barge-man.

Your

Your Travails, heretofore, in the copying of Catalogues have been great, and yet by reason they were always imperfect, they steaded me little, being always taken in haste. For where I writ of *Articella* missing in my last Catalogue, it will appear by another of your own Writing before, that it was in the Library, insomuch, as I conceive it is bound with some other, and so escaped in your Writing. As, I see, for Example, with *Fallopins*, which you sent me there, his *Porta*, his *Physognomonica*, which is not set down on my last Catalogue. All this may be redressed, in the taking of another new Catalogue, which of force must be done in my Judgment, as your Brother and I have conferred upon it, by setting down the Books of every Desk, as their Catalogue shall be fixed to the Heads of the Desks: For which you shall have Leisure till almost *Michaelmas*: For, before, it will not be possible to have all things well performed, and orderly: For that I shall send, at the least, at this Carriage, as many as you had this time Twelvemonth; which will add more and more to your Care and Trouble, as it doth unto mine, who am toiled exceedingly, and assure your self, no less than your self, with Writing, Buying, Binding, Disposing, &c. besides all mine  
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own Business, which are of no Moment. But I am fed with the Pleasure of seeing some end before it be long : Which must be likewise your Comfort.

That which was told me of your lending forth of Books, proceeded, I perceive, upon Speech as I have had with him, that told me of it, through a Book that was lent to *D. Pade*, which, I think, was the same that *Mr. Allen* procured, and unless *Mr. Allen* be earnest to get it restored again, I doubt *D. Pade* will be slack of himself. It is a Book in 4<sup>o</sup>, of one that has written the Defence of *Galen* against *Vesalius*.

Old *Mr. Sheldon* telleth me, that *Jo. Smith* will be with you upon *Munday*, or *Tuesday*.

I have received 50 *l.* of my *L. Cobham*, towards the furnishing of the Library, whereof I will advertise *Mr. Vice-Chancellor* upon *Friday*, or by your Brother. And thus in post I bid you Adieu.

London, Your most affectionate Friend,  
June 23.

Tho. Bodley.

You shall not need to write any more unto me hither, for that I shall be gone for *Burnham* four Days hence. Commend me I pray you to *Mr. Allen*, and *Mr. Principal*, who shall hear from me as touching the  
Carts,

*Carts, (that are to meet my Books at Burcot) two or three days before the time.*

LVI.

SIR,

I Will write and speak in good time to Mr. Vice-Chancellor, about those Points for your Allowance, of which you write in your last: and I make no doubt, but all will go currant to your Content.

If you pay Goodman Miles, it shall be repaid at our next Meeting. Three Shillings a Dozen was my price, being Workman-like done, whereof your self shall be Judge: Or if he tarry till I come next to Oxon, I will give him Satisfaction.

I had rather the Chain-Man should make the two Locks than Corbet: For that I think he will do it both better, and keep his Day more certainly. You must give him in charge, to make the Locks and Keys both very strongly and neatly.

It will be time enough for me to speak with Mr. Dacris, at my next return to Oxon.

I have sent you by the Carrier 275 Clips for Books, of which, I pray you, take that Care, as you do in all things, for their safe Custody.

Looking for Clemens Alexandrinus, whether I had him of Basil Print, I do not  
K find



find him at all upon the Catalogue which you writ out last, whereas I call to mind very well, that I had it in *Greek*, and likewise in *Latin*, of *Par.* and *Col.* Print, and so I trust you shall find them in their places.

I pray you, by the first Carrier the next Week, send me, *Primam Partem Fallopii*, and I will send you for it, both *Primam* and *Secundam* bound together. Also I would know, in what sort, for Leather and Colour the 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2. Tome of *Menochius* are Bound, for that I will cause the 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Tomes, which I have brought here, to answer the Binding of the first.

You must appoint the Chain-man to be ready to come at any day, after *Midsummer-day*, that I shall signify unto him, and to provide as many Chains as he can conveniently furnish. And thus I bid you Adieu, with my happiest Wishes to your Welfare.

June 4.

Your assured,

Tho. Bodley.

*I pray you send me Word what you want of Sigonius.*

LVII.

SIR,

I Am glad of your *Mollerus* upon the *Psalms*; for that I cannot get him here: And I will follow your Advice, for not buying many of the Fathers in *Basil* Print; for some I think you will find with Mr. *Farmor*, and as you do conceive, I hope to have them all from One or Other before it be long.

Among these Books of D. *Tailor*, there are divers good, but withal many Pamphlets, not worth the Custody in such a Library; wherein I pray you use your best Judgment, and do not give over Writing to your Chain-man, till he shall be come with his Chains, wherein D. *Blin-cow* will assist, if you please to acquaint him with your haste. And so, till *Friday*, I bid you Adieu.

London,  
May 19.

Your faithful Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

I pray you send me word what Works of *Lipsius* are wanting in the Library.

LVIII.

SIR,

Sith there is so little Trust in *Orum*, I have dealt with *Sharpe*, who hath



promised that all your Books shall be carried, without either Wet, or Grating, or other Inconvenience, for which I would intreat you, to take Order with him in good time about it; for that *Orum* complaineth, that you tie him too precisely, to come unto you at certain Hours, which Men of their Trade cannot always intend.

I requested in a former, to know whether Mr. *Farmor* of *Sommerton* hath brought in his Books, whereto I have not, as yet, received your Answer.

I do not find upon your last Catalogue *Hugo Cardinalis*, which I am very well assured, I bought, and brought in.

I pray you remember to write to D. *Chaloner*, and take a Note of the beginning and ending of Mr. President's *Psalter*, which is all at this time, but that I do not forget my best Wishes to your Welfare.

London,  
Dec. 15.

Your very affectionate Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

*The Imperfections of your Law-Books I desire to know with your speediest Opportunity, for procuring their Supplies, in good time.*

LIX.

SIR,

I Am utterly ignorant, who Mr. *Cunning* is, and what he bestowed, or to whom his Mony was delivered; which makes that I cannot impart my Advice to you. But if any Sum were delivered in Mony, methinks you or I should be able by some means, to procure the Delivery; wherein I will do my best Endeavour, upon your further Certificate.

As yet I have not heard, of any Books delivered to Mr. Principal, by Mr. *Taylor*, but I will write unto him about it, I will also make known to Mr. Vice-Chancellor, that my Lord of *Northumberland* giveth One Hundred Pounds to the Library, Sir *Walter Raleigh* Fifty Pound, and Sir *Edm. Udal* as much; for which I will intreat him, to move the University, for their Letters unto them of publick Thanks.

The King's speedy coming or staying, may make me defer my Journy to *Oxon*: Otherwise I propose to be with you ere be long: Beseeching God the while to bless all your Action.

London,  
April 5.

*Your very assured*

Tho. Bodley.



LX.

SIR,

AS yet I could not meet with the Dean of *Worcester*, and this Day I take a Journey for two or three Days. But if I find him here at my Return, rather than his Books should be lost, I will be at the charge of the Binding my self.

What those Books are in *Quarto* and *Octavo* that you find so necessary for Mr. *Chaloner*, I would willingly know, for that I do Buy continually, and methinks you can hardly be sped of any there, but either I have bought them already, or they may be had here, at a far better Reck'ning: And besides, though some part of Mr. *Chaloner's* may be bestowed in such Books, yet some Portion thereof may be imployed here, if he shall so like; to which end, I requested, that you would, as of your self, send my Letter unto him, which I writ unto you last, and crave his present Resolution; lest it turn me to too much losses, to buy the self same Books here.

I pray you tell Mr. *Munday*, that it will come to some 24*l*, or thereabouts, where-with I would charge him about *Christmas*.

*Orum* your Carrier, hath given me his word, that he will fit you very well with  
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Hampers, for the Carriage of your double Books hither, in his Waggon, I pray you talk with him about it, and cause them to be packed up handsomly, which I think you may best do upon *Sunday*; for that as then there will be no repair unto the Library, and I am desirous, to have them conveyed without any Notice or Speech to be used, with others.

Of Mr. Price, my Lord Admiral's Chaplain, I have heard nothing as yet.

I do not find upon your Catalogue *Sollii Apollinaris opera*, Quarto, *Didaci Spinæ Speculum testamentorum*, Quarto; *Gallucii Speculum Uranicum*, and his *Theatrum Mundi & Temporis*, which were Books, and sent by me before the Act.

You must not forget to signify those Imperfections which were found by D. Gently. Forget not in any wise to send me back the double Books by *Orum*, for that I am offered very special good Authors in Exchange. Herewith I commend you to God's blessed Tuition.

London,  
Dec. 3.

Your ever assured

Tho. Bodley.

*I pray you signify unto me, whether D. Bonde's Psalter MS. with an English Comment, be placed in the Library: and withal write me the First and the Last Words,*



*that I may compare it with another here,  
that is very ancient.*

LXI.

SIR,

I Have sent you my Letter to Mr. Vice-Chancellor, who, I hope, will be returned by *Saturday Night*. But if he be not there before *Munday*, I pray present it to his Substitute.

I have written what is given by the Lord *Mountjoy*, and Mr. Comptroller, to whom I would request you, that the Universities Letters of Thanks, may be speedily sent unto me, by one of your next Week's Carriers. And so in haste, for the present I betake you to God.

London,  
May 7.

*Your true affected Friend.*

Tho. Bodley.

LXII.

SIR,

BEing newly come hither, I find your Letter and Catalogues, for which I thank you very heartily: having sent you now by the Carrier 500 Clips, of which I know not what want you may have: and withal, towards Five Pound weight of Wire, which is, as I suppose, of a good convenient size. Of such Books as  
are

are double, only one of each kind shall need to be chained, unless you hold it requisite, to keep two of some one sort: which I refer to your Discretion: as likewise the allowing of more Partitions for such Letters, in any Faculty, as are filled already; for which I pray you take space enough, because we shall have many more yet of those Letters which you have chiefly specified.

I cannot but like very well of your Servant's writing in the *Secretary* Letter, albeit I could wish that his Hand were not so small altogether. I am also of Opinion that his *Roman* Hand will prove fair; only methinks that form of his Letter (*g*) is not of the best.

I would request Mr. *Haidocke*, to procure Clasps as soon as he can, for Mr. Vice-Chancellor's two great Volumes, to the end they may be chained with the rest in the Library, where they will stand as a fair Ornament. For the Carriage of these and all things else, upon the sight of your Note, when I come to *Oxon*, I will see all answered, and I think to be there at *Shrovetide*, or at *Lent*, I pray you in your next send me word, which of Mr. Dean of *Paul's* Books are already in the Library; and so fare you heartily well.

London,  
Jan. 21.

*Your affectionate Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.



*The note here inclosed, I pray you deliver to Henry Ball of Gloc. Hall, and salute Mr. Principal.*

## LXIII.

SIR,

**I** Have sent you *Weston* by the Carrier, which I pray you cause to be Bound, upon my reck'ning, and place in the Library; where you may have good time, to peruse him at your Pleasure. But for mine own part, I have read but a little of the Epistle Dedicatory, wherein I have nothing that concerned you: but his rude kind of railing against Dr. *Humfrey*, and D. *Rainoldes*, did so much distast me, as looking for no better than passionate Matter, and riss raff Words without Discretion, I would read no more of him. This Week doth offer no other matter, for which I bid you, and rebid you, and bid you again Adieu.

*From London,  
January 19.*

*Your very assured*

Tho. Bodley.

*I pray you remember that there must be two little handsome Bolts made, to be set over and under the Locks of the Grates. I am desirous to know what Jo. Smith will take for a Dozen of those Clips whereunto the Chains must be fixed; and he shall hereafter*

ter make them all that we shall need, and find Wire in like manner.

LXIV.

SIR,

I Do not doubt but you have divers Books double, which proceedeth in part of the Imperfection of your Catalogue, wherein are sundry Books omitted that are in the Library: but withal, the Fault is mine, and *Jo. Bill's*, who dealing with Multitudes, must of force make many Scapes.

The Desks for Law would be extended, as also those for Divinity; which yet if you please, to let stand, 'till I come, we shall resolve the better on it, to both our own, and others Contentation.

You need make no doubt, but *Jo. Bill* hath gotten every where, what the place would afford; for his Commission was large, his Leisure very good, and his Payment sure at home.

I pray you defer the chaining of the *Greek MSS* till you and I meet; for that some may be chained, and others not yet Printed, kept in safer Custody.

I have sent back Mr. Principal's Hamper, with 10. Vol. in *fol.* and 11 in 4<sup>o</sup> and 8<sup>o</sup>, which I pray you put into the Library, and cause the Hamper to be delivered to  
Mr.



Mr. Principal, with my kindest Commendations, which I my self will write by the next, the next Week, with many Thanks for his Pains about my Books. For the Carriage of the Hamper you must make me Debtor, as for those other Things, which I will discharge at my coming to Oxon. *Salve Vale.*

June 23.

*Your assured,*

Tho. Bodley.

*The Hamper of Books is directed to your self. Paulus Diaconus being here to be had, shall be bought and sent.*

LXV.

SIR,

**I** Received all my Catalogues, with your friendly Letter, for which, and for your Pains, I thank you very heartily. And where you wish to get *Mollerius* on the *Psal.* I took order about it with *Jo. Bill*, who is gone to the Mart, three Weeks past. *Athanasius* you have there already, and *Lactantius* I have here, of the Gift of the old Dean of *Paul's*. Likewise of *Blessensis*, you have one Copy printed, and another written in Parchment, joyned, as I think, with *Phil. Presbyter*, or some other like Author.

You shall have Clips enough sent unto you,

you, before your Chain-man return. Of the Wire that you received since my Departure, I forgot to tell you at my being in *Oxon*. I pray you deliver the inclosed to Dr. *Bonde*, which is written with many Thanks, for his beuntiful Gift of Books; and with a Note of the first Sentence, and the Imperfection of that *Manuscript Psalter*, which is here to be bought.

Forget not in any wise, to join with Mr. *Allen*, in selecting those Books of *Worcester-Library*, as will be for our turn. If the Bishop of *Exon* come to visit the Library, I pray you observe his Speeches, and Liking or Disliking, and in your next, let me know it; wherewith I rest, (your kind Brother most kindly remembred,)

London,  
Mar. 4.

*Your own assured ever,*

Tho. Bodley.

LXVI.

SIR,

YOU may if you please, keep *Bel-larmine's* Works in 8vo, and if you think it good, I will also buy the same in Fol. I pray you send me Word upon *Munday*, whether *Hervens Brito* be only on the Sentences, or whether his *Quodlibets* be joyned with it. For I have them  
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here both unbound, and will refrain from buying them, if your's be fair and good. Likewise signify whether you have *Fricius de Republica emendanda*, as I think you have: Otherwise it shall go from hence.

I heartily thank you for putting me in Remembrance of the Act approaching, albeit I do assure you, all those things I do think upon very seriously and carefully, in regard of making your Catalogues, and for many other urgent Causes. The University-Letters shall be orderly delivered: But now I long to hear how you speed with Mr. Farmer, and so for this time adieu.

May 14.

Your true Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

*The University and I are very much beholden to Mr. Barcomb, to whom I pray you commend me, and desire him from me, to continue his good Intention: For that as you signified, there are divers special Books in that List, that you sent.*

LXVII.

SIR,

I Thank you heartily, for putting me in mind of *Helmeston*, after whom I will enquire. Mr. Comptroller hath promised 50 l. and hath already seen and allowed of the Books, which I selected for him.

As

As soon as Mr. Vice-Chancellor is return'd I will impart so much unto him, and likewise signify the Receipt of the Lord Mountjoy's 100 l. to the end he may impart it to the University, and take Order for the return of their publick Thanks. In which Respect you shall do well, in my Opinion, to acquaint the Orator with it beforehand, to the end it may be done the better, and with Expedition.

I pray you salute and intreat Mr. Principal from me, to cause such Bars to be supplied, as are wanting: And your self I would request, to write as often as you find a fit Messenger, to the Chain-man, to dispatch the rest of the Books, and to make as many Chains before *Midsummer*, as is possible. For I am like to bring more Books, than is imagined.

I do not find in your Catalogue *Fricius de Rep. emendanda*, and yet I think it is in the Library, whereof I pray you advertise me: And likewise what Works of *Sigonius* are wanting. And if you send me a Note of any Books in fol. in *Joseph Barn's* Shop, which you think I cannot get here, I will buy them very willingly. And thus, for this time, with my kindest Wishes to your Welfare.

London,  
May 15.

Your assured ever

Tho. Bodley.  
LXVIII.



## LXVIII.

SIR,

I Pray you signify unto me, what course Mr. *Challenor* hath taken, for bestowing of his 20 *l.* for, that I am persuaded, you could not find to that Value in his Sister's Shop. I would likewise understand whether any thing be done by Mr. *Bice* my Lord Admiral's Chaplain. I would otherwise cast about, how to deal with my Lord by some other means. Your *Worcester* Books would be called for often, because I see there it is forgotten.

I pray you send me word, whether you have *Albertus Magnus* upon all *Arist. Organum* : And *Borrhaus* upon the Politics. For I find upon your last Catalogue, *Martinus Borrhaus*, but his Work is not expressed. Also I would know whether you have *Augustana Confessio* ; and *Confessio Catholica Fidei Christianæ* of *Hofius* ; because I doubt it is not printed with the rest of his Works.

Mr. Principal telleth me, that D. *Gentilis* findeth many Imperfections, in *Tractatus Doctorum*. I pray you learn which they are. For *Norton* will perfect all. Two or Three I was privy to before, and all but one, shall be perfected, with Leaves sent already from *Frankford*.

Now

Now I must intreat you to send me the Register-Book, wherein the Benefactor's Names and Gifts shall be recorded. For I will begin, to have it written. It would be packed up in a Coffin of Boards, with Paper thick about it, and Hay between it and the Boards. I pray you be careful about it, and let me receive it the next Week, sent by the Waggon for Fear of Rain. Commend me very heartily to your Brother, and tell him, that I long to hear, what is done by Mr. *Loads*.

I am wonderful Glad, that all things are carried, as you write in your last, upon *Munday*, so orderly, and with such Silence in the Library. I hope it will not grow from better to worse. I am half of a Mind to have all your double Books sent hither, where I hope to make them away for others, very speedily. Signify I pray you your Opinion thereof, and which of them are already either sold or exchanged. Thus expecting your careful Answer to all the particulars of this Letter, I commend your Actions and Studies to God's good Direction.

London,  
No. 19.

*Your true affected Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.



## LXIX.

SIR,

I Shall expect by the next Week your double Books, which will be out of Danger of Weather and Rain, if so be the Hampers be placed in the Waggon, which I take to be always covered: Wherein I must crave your friendly Care, to see them both packed with Hay, for grating one against another, and withal to place them under Cover sufficient, and Cordage, to keep them from embezling.

Herewith I have sent you a Catalogue of such Books, as *John Bill* hath bought for me in *Venice*, which I pray you return unto me safely, by one of your next Week's Carriers, with a Note of such, as you shall find to be already in the Library. I do not doubt, but albeit they be many, and rise to a great Charge, yet I shall before the Act, partly by *John Bill's* Industry, who doth not return till after *Easter*, and until then will be always buying, and inquiring after Books, and partly by other Means here at Home of my own, procure at the least as many more.

I thank you for your little Catalogue of Books, which I will hunt after, and leave none of them unbought, that can be procured: For which I would intreat you,

you, to continue your Care, of advertising from time to time, as any special Book shall come to your Knowledge, that is not in the Library.

I am glad of your good Hap, in the Book that we lost, I mean *Onus Ecclesiae*, which assure your self, was once in the Library. I pray you cause it to be bound, if you please, with that other, if you had it not before, which was joined with it, or with some other, for that I doubt of it self is too thin to be bound alone, I desire very much to know the Imperfections of *Alciat*, which *Norton* will repair, if any be.

A very good Friend of mine hath moved me, upon the Suit of your Man's Father, to get him to be admitted into the Library; which I would willingly do at the Instance of his Friends, as I shall request you to signify unto him; but sith it is thought fit by the University, that Batchelors of Art shall be excluded, I may not my self give the first Occasion, of Breach of their Order. And therefore considering he is no Graduat, nor otherwise qualified for matter of Learning, he may not expect to be otherwise admitted, than in your own Presence, at convenient Times, to do some Service about the Books.



By D. Challenor's Sister, or some other Instrument, you may find the Means to send to him, which I pray you omit not to seek out, to the end I may learn his speedy Resolution, his Gift being liberal, and the Number of my Books, which are come and coming, very great. *Salve Vale.*

London,  
Dec. 10.

*Your affectionate Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

*Forget not I pray you my last Request, about the Beginning and End of Dr. Bond's Psalter.*

LXX.

SIR,

**I** Am utterly against it, that there should be any mention of their Names and Gifts, that are the chiefest Contributors to the Library, for that few in that Case would be willingly omitted: And the Gift of the greatest is hardly worth the publishing, as a Matter of much Moment: Besides that the Number increaseth continually; and, as I am persuaded, when those that are to come after, shall see no Likelihood of Occasion to be honoured as the former, by some Publick Monument, it may slacken their Devotion. And as for my self, I am wholly uncertain, how far I shall proceed in my Expence

pence about that Work ; having hitherto made no determinate Design, but purposing to do, as my Ability shall afford, ( which may increase or diminish ) and as God shall spare my Life ; although unto my self, I do resolve in a general Project, to do more than I am willing to publish to the World. It may suffice in my Conceit, if the Party imployed in the Answer to *Weston*, shall but signify in general, to what Forwardness that Work of so great a publick Benefit, is already brought by my means in special, and then by the Aid of such my honourable Friends and others, as in Affection to me, and for the Advancement of Learning, have been moved to set their helping Hand to it : So as in time it is like, and perhaps very shortly, to be a most admirable Ornament as well of the State, as of the University : to the effecting whereof though many Men concur, yet the plotting and ordering of all things, and the Bulk of all the Burden for matter of Cost and otherwise, both hath and will be mine : wherein as I will not assume the Deserts to my self of other Men's Bounties, so I would not that mine own in a publick Memorial should be lessened. Nevertheless it would not carry, in my Judgment, either Credit or Grace, to report to the World, what I



do further intend, sith God knoweth what may fall *inter Calicem, &c.* I long to know the Party's Name, that is in Hand, with that Work; and I pray you be a means, before any thing be printed, that I may see what is said of my self and others.

Because I have been disappointed of my Hopes of Books from out of *Turky*, I do intend e'er be long, to send a Scholar of set Purpose, who is very well studied both in the *Hebrew* and *Arabick* Tongues, whose Errand shall be only, to seek out Books for the Library. I am likewise determined to send another to *Spain*, whereof I will tell you more hereafter. Our Books from the Mart are not yet come hither: nor many of those that were bought for me in *Italy*. Howbeit I will send away those, that I have here already, and convey the rest after, as they come. I hope you shall have Three Dry Fats there, upon *Fryday* come Sevenight, wishing that you would write for *John Smith* to come thither within Sevenight after, by which time I do not doubt, but you will have placed all the Books. *Gretserus* is coming with my Books from the Mart, and the rest shall be sent you presently. Whether I shall come with my Books I know not, but I will not be long in coming after. In the mean while, I wish your  
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Welfare, and heartily desire all good Success.

London,  
June 7.

*Your ever assured*  
Tho. Bodley.

LXXI.

SIR,

I Have spoken here with Mr. *Farmor*, who hath promised, that whensoever you come after *Thursday* next, he will be at Home. He hath a Cart-load of Books, of which you may make your choice, which he will cause to be new bound at *Oxon*. You shall do well, in my Opinion, to be there some Morning very early, least he ride abroad, and come not in till Night. The Bearer hereof Mr. *Harris*, who dwelleth in *Sommerton*, will assist you in any thing; and for your Charges, put all to my Account. The sooner you go, it will be better, in my Judgment. And so fare you well, till *Wednesday* next.

London,  
May 8.

*Your ever assured*  
Tho. Bodley.

LXXII.

SIR,

OF all those Authors, you have mentioned, in the end of your Letter, as intended to be given, I have not one: for which I would intreat you to accept the Offer, and if it be performed, to send

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me a Note of the Giver's Name, and of every Book a-part, to the End I may record them.

Your Answers concerning those Books, that I wrote of, have contented me fully: And having none of them there, as it seemeth you have not, they shall all come unto you, when I send my next Books.

If you find a fit Opportunity, I pray you write to *John Smith*, that I may be furnished against *Easter* with a thousand Chains: For that I hope at the least to bring for that Number, if God send my Books to come safe out of *Italy*. What store of Wire and Clips you may have left in your Custody I know not.

I am heartily sorry to hear of that publick Dissention, whereof you intimate somewhat, and I hope will be a means, for your own particular, to appease by all means possible. For if the Fire should increase, it would be very scandalous to the State of the Church, and to the University: For which, I shall wish my Friends to seek the Way of Peace, which methinks in a Difference of no greater Moment, if I do rightly conceive it, might be easily found. Wherewith I recommend all your Actions and Studies to God's special Direction, and rest in all Love,

Jan. 12.

Your assured ever

Tho. Bodley.

*I received your Schedule closed in your Letter,  
with my heartiest Thanks unto you for it.*

SIR,

LXXIII.

I Pray you let me put you to the Pains of writing out so much of every Volume of your *Talmud*, as is in *Latin*, in the first Leaf of every Tome, putting the number of the Tome (which you shall find noted, in the back-side of each Tome) with his *Latin* Inscription by it self: Which is not, as I think, above 2 or 3 Lines long in each Tome. But withal I pray you, see whether there be not more Treatises than one in a Tome, and therefore haply more *Latin* Inscriptions. I do call to mind, that I have read in some Author, whether *Genebrardus*, *Pagnine*, *Galatinus* or some other, I know not, that hath distinctly set down, the whole Division of the *Talmud* into his Tracts, Books, Chapters, &c. If you can remember any such, or shall find him in Search, I pray you signify the Writer's Name, that I may peruse him here among *Norton's* Books. It is for a Purpose that will turn you to some Ease hereafter, and the Students, to a great Benefit, in Regard of that which I will set down upon an old *Talmud*, which I have gotten into my Hands, being otherwise ordered than your's there, and half as big



big again. I should wish you to know of Mr. Price, whether he persist in his former good Intention, to move my Lord Admiral, to do somewhat for the Library. I have nothing more now, but hearty Salutations to you and my Friends.

From London,  
January 21.

Your ever assured  
Tho. Bodley.

LXXIV.

SIR,

AS touching your Catalogue, which you write for me in London, I should have little Reason, to think to find it in Perfection, considering then your Troubles. But my Desire is only now, that in making a New, you would take the Pains to do it by the Books themselves, and that very exactly and deliberately. For I do find every Day many Errors in the former, of sundry sorts. As for Example in the Letter B only, I do see these omitted in Divinity, *Bonaventure 1. 2. 3. & 4 pars 5. Vol. Fo. Beda de Temporum Ratione. Barth. de Medina in secundam Partem Tho. Biblia vulgatæ edit. fo. Par. 1567. Barth. de Medina in secundam secundæ, Tho Biblia Castalionis Bibliotheca Sixt. Senens.* Besides divers others in the same Letter. Moreover I should think it fit to place *Lex. Heb. Avenarii. Grammat. Heb. Bertrami,* among your Art Books: For that  
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Lexicons and Grammars are no more for one Science than another. Seeking for *Hier. Torrensis Confessio Augustiniana*, I do find it in *A.* which would be placed as all others in *T.* being the Author's Surname.

As concerning the placing of the MSS. I see no good Occasion as yet, for which I should be moved to alter my Opinion, for chaining them together, and *Mixtim* Alphabetical-wise with the printed Books. Or else if you please, they may be reserved all unchained, untill my coming, to the end we may then proceed with good Deliberation and Conference together, and take the Opinion of some others. For whereas now you allot nine Partitions for the MSS. in Divinity, as I should conjecture, those MSS. which you have there already, with the rest which I have from *Exon*, and you expect from *Worcester*; will go very near to fill up all your nine Spaces: And perhaps within these two Years, twice as many will be added.

As for figuring the Books with Letters, and fixing some Catalogues, for a Tryal to the Tables, though some do like it well, perhaps for their Ease, in their present Study there: Yet others, are not forced, as I am, whom it toucheth somewhat nearer, to meditate much upon it,  
and



and to cast on all Inconveniences, so as things may be done to every Man's best liking, which will never be so, if Men's first Apprehensions be presently practised. For it is an old true *Dunsical* Saying, *Ad Pauca respicientes de facili hallucinantur*. I should be sorry to see many Books figured, which cannot chuse but prove a disfiguring unto them, unless the like order be taken with the rest; which either cannot be at all, or not done as yet. And so for fixing the Catalogues, I would pray you to forbear it, until we may confer, at my coming unto you. For I am loth to do things by Halves, which is to do and undo, and subject our Irresolutions to many Men's just Censures. As I have done heretofore, in whatsoever Action, little or great appertaining to the Library, so I purpose hereafter, to proceed in all things with Advice, and with hearing what my Friends, of the better sort for Judgment, can object to any Project.

To Mr. D. *Bonde* I will write, God willing, by the next. *Georgii Veneti Harmonia Mundi*, which is one of his Books, I had before, and as far as I remember *Freculphi Chronicon*. You have omitted the Places and Years of the Printing of his Books, whereby I cannot set them down on my Catalogue. But now it shall not be so needful,

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needful, sith you are busied in collecting a new Catalogue, which I do very earnestly and often recommend to your Diligence and Care, to see performed in Perfection. And commending your welfare, with all your Actions and Endeavours to God's good Direction, I bid you heartily Adieu.

London,  
February 5.

*Your true affected Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

LXXV.

SIR,

I Received your Letters of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March at *Burnham*: whence I returned no Answer presently, because I determined to do it, at my coming to *London*: where I meant to have been the last Week, but for suddain Occasion of my stay. I will not fail to take a time, for yielding of Thanks to Mr. Vice-Chancellor, for his singular Kindness: But whether I should take notice of a Matter of that Quality; from any but himself, I am not as yet very well resolved. Howbeit, for your particular, I can, and will, when you please, find sufficient Opportunities, to win his good Favour in your Occasions. I pray you in your next send me word, what Day he beginneth his Progress after *Easter*, and what Day he will return; also who is like to be his Substitute.

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As touching Mr. *Helmston's* offer of 10 l. I wish it would please D. *Holland*, (to whom I shall request you, to impart my heartiest Commendations) to advertise him in a Line or Two, that I do take Order, with all my Contributors, that what Mony or Books they shall convey to Mr. *Jo. Norton* my Stationer, will be faithfully delivered unto me, and I will imploy to their Satisfaction, with a Letter to the Parties of my Receipt of their Benevolence to the University's Use.

If it should be no trouble, I would intreat your Brother and you, to Devise an apt Title to the Register-Book for the first Leaf: And then, in what Forms we shall set down the particular Inscriptions of Men's Gifts: of which there be three Kinds; one in Books alone, another in Mony, and a third in both. I will also my self conceive a certain Form of a Title, which I will submit to your Corrections, for that my *Latin* is waxed rusty for want of using. Between us perhaps, we shall hit upon one that will please us both.

I shall be here in *London* this Week and the next, from whence you shall be sure to hear from me twice or thrice.

If any should ask the like Question, as the Bishop of *Exon*, whether it be my purpose to fill the Library, it were not so good

good in my Opinion, to answer that all of any worth are almost bought already. For besides, that there are infinite yet behind, it may haply occasion, that many, which now are desirous to contribute, will refrain altogether, when they shall be conceited, that few or none are left unbought.

At this very instant I receive another of yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> of this present. I am sorry to hear of those Abuses of my Binder, for which, assure your self, I will take hereafter a greater Care my self.

I pray you send me word, at what Price your Binders will Bind an ordinary Book in *Folio*, and if it be in any reasonable sort, I will send them sufficient Work for *Dominick* and *Mills*, or some other for a Month or Two.

*Tullie's* Works were bought of *Ascanius*, for Sir *Ro. Sidney*, being Bound before at *Paris*; but these Marginal Notes were neither observed by me nor Mr. *Savill*, who was at the choosing. The Transposition of Leaves is a very gross Fault, but yet in part you may reform it, by a Note of Relation to the Leaves.

*Budæus's* Works were of the Gift of the Lord of *Essex*, and had Paper pasted in one, or more places, as far as I remember, which may likewise be redressed, because it is not much, with a Transcript  
from



from some other Copy. *Beauxanii Concordia* shall be changed by *Jo. Norton*, with whom I will talk about these Abuses. In the mean Season, I thank you very often for these your kind Advertisements, and wish your Welfare as mine own. From *London* not yet unbooted.

March 17.

Your ever assured,

Tho. Bodley.

*I will take such Order, as you shall receive your Quarter's Stipend in Oxon, whereof in my next.*

LXXVI.

SIR,

**M**Y Lord *Cobham* told me this Morning, that he had received the Vice-Chancellor's Thanks, which he himself also took very thankfully. I pray you hold your Resolution to send your double Books hither, such as you cannot change or sell in *Oxon*: for here I can get others in exchange, with many thanks, sith I take them all, to be special good Books. Howbeit, you shall not need to send any hither, 'till after I have seen them altogether, at my next coming to you, which shall be, God willing, within less than a Month. I pray you send me the Catalogue of Mr. *Allen's* Books, and of Mr. *Farmor's*, if all be given that he intendeth.

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At my coming to *Oxon*, I will be glad to impart my best Advice unto you, about the resigning or keeping of your Fellowship, which I cannot do so well by Writing as by Word, and by mutual Conference. I do like very well of your Motion, to bring the Number of Books to more Equality, by placing such Books as begin with *K Q U W* (where sundry are joyned in one Binding) in the first Room: Albeit I doubt, it will not avail very much, sith the number of Authors beginning with those Letters are very few.

I will not forget to move *Sir Jo. Fortescue*, about the Catalogue of the *Vatican* Books: but I know not as yet whether he be here or no. Thus much in answer of your friendly Letter, for which I thank you very heartily, beseeching God to direct your virtuous Endeavours.

London,  
July 22.

*Your ever assured,*

*Tho. Bodley.*

*I pray you send me word what Fault you found with Farinacius de Testibus, for some want which I cannot call to mind.*

*Sir, I pray you deliver the inclosed Bill to Henry Ball of Gloucester-Hall, and commend me most heartily to Mr. Principal, praying him to hasten Keys, to the working of his Boards, and for the Wainscots, I hope they shall be at Burcot about the end of the next Week.*

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SIR, LXXVII.

**T**H E Queen's being within half a Mile of my House, where I was forced often to wait, besides the Resort unto me of Noble-Men and Others, to whom I gave Entertainment, was the only occasion of my Silence; for that I had not the Leisure, nor almost a place in my own House to write unto you.

I have considered of your Motion, about the matter of Marriage, wherein I do determine to give you good Satisfaction, at my coming to *Oxon*, which shall be God willing, on *Thursday* come sevenight. For although to tell you truly, I did never nothing more unwillingly, than my self to become the first breaker of my own Institution, which I purpose hereafter to become inviolable, yet for the Love that I bear unto you in particular, I had rather incur a publick Note of Defective proceeding, than that you should fall, by my Stiffness, into terms of Extremity. But hereof more at my coming, against which time, if you can, I pray you procure, that *Jo. Smith* may be there with his Locks and Casements, and that *Keys* may be hastned for the finishing of the Shelves, for which I sent him Wainscots the last Week, nothing doubting but Mr. Principal

cipal hath received them, in whom my Trust is altogether, for the good Dispatch of that Work. Your Letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> of *July* hath many Particulars, whereunto I will tell you what I have resolved, at my coming, praying you the while, to send me word upon *Monday*, of the Receipt of my Wainscots, commending me most kindly to Mr. Principal.

London,  
Aug. 11.

Your ever assured,  
Tho. Bodley.

LXXVIII.

SIR,

I Pray you send me your *Fallopins*, because you shall receive the whole from hence; and as for *Porta* joyned with him, he shall be returned, when I send my other Books. With *Fallopins* I shall also request you to send *Micropresbyticon*, for that I am provided for another, and *Norton* is willing to take his again. I have bought *Vogelius* lately. I pray you urge Mr. *Floxon*, to get Mr. *Farmor* to augment his Gift. For his Promise to me was 50 good Volumes. I will thank Mr. *Barkham* at my coming to *Oxon*, as his Gift doth well deserve. That which is wanting of *Sigonius*, shall be bought new of *Norton*. I marvel very much at the Chainman's Slackness: but so he brings Chains enough, it makes no great Matter.

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It is a very poor Gift which you signify of Mr. *Taylor*, and likewise that of Mr. *Hawthorn*, which are well worthy Thanks, as any Book of any sort, but unless they be bettered, we may not fill up the Register with such Benefactors. Of Mr. *Barkham*'s Gift, we have already, as I think, *Felius* in *Psal.* which is all one, as I take it, with *Bucer* in *Psal.* and likewise *Dionemedes*'s *Grammar*. For ought I can conjecture of all the rest, we have not many. *Bucer*'s Works I will send from hence, as I do the mean while my kindest Commendations.

London,  
June 9.

Your true affected Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.

LXXIX.

SIR,

Here doth not want the least Jot of a ready Disposition, to make you Partaker of my soundest Advice, concerning that which you propose, for resigning your Place. But it cannot be imparted, unless we were together. And sith your Case doth require some speedy Resolution, my Counsel shall be, that you would therein please your self, and then I pray you rest assured, that I will be pleased howsoever it fall out; nothing doubting, but as the Matter it self concerneth you nearer than any Man else, so withal,  
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it will enforce you to consider every Circumstance, and to meditate more upon it, than any other would, and so to determine for the best: To which Determination I will yield, whatsoever it be, most earnestly wishing that it may be *bonum felix faustumq*; not only to your present, but to all your future Actions. What that other Point is, whereof you intimate some what in your *Postscr.* I cannot yet conjecture; but you may reckon upon me in all that I am able.

I know not yet how long the Queen's coming to these Parts, may hinder my Purpose of coming to *Oxon*: But I will be with you, God willing, as soon as I can conveniently. I pray you tell Mr. Principal, that having nothing more to write unto him, but that I have sent three Days past, ten Wainscots to *Burcot*, I will trouble him now with nothing else, but my kindest Salutations. He may know the just Day when they will be at *Burcot* by Mr. *Munday*, who hath also Stuff in the Barge. I would also intreat Mr. Principal to get *Keyes* to saw those Wainscots, and season them as soon as may be: And likewise to go in Hand with his Boards presently, remembring that all Work must be finished, at the least a Fourtnight before *Michaelmas*. Which is all that I have for



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this time, saving Heaps of all good Wishes  
to your painful Endeavours.

Burnham,  
July 29.

*Your ever assured*

Tho. Bodley.

LXXX.

SIR,

**Y**OUR Mony is paid to Mr. Seton,  
and you shall have the rest at my  
coming to *Oxon*, which if I come not the  
sooner, shall be otherwise sent. I do al-  
so determine to send you 300 Clips more,  
which I think will serve the turn; though  
I doubt that this Week, they will not be  
ready.

I for my Part hold it requisite that Stu-  
dents should forbear to frequent the Li-  
brary, while the Books are in chaining,  
which will be quickly dispatched. As  
concerning your Vacation, albeit the old  
Statute allowed a Month upon the Vice-  
Chancellor's Liking, yet I should think it  
expedient, that there should be no Vaca-  
tion in the Library at all: But that the  
Keeper being absent upon urgent Occasi-  
ons, an other might be found to supply  
his Room, till his Return; in Regard of  
the long time, which good Students should  
loose, and because it is to be presumed,  
that such Gentlemen and Strangers, as shall  
have a Desire to spend some time in that  
Place, will chiefly make Choice of the  
long

long Vacation: Besides that many great ones of this Court, are like this Summer to come thither.

The Sicknes here in *London*, will not suffer me to stay the binding of more Books, which I would willingly do, having newly received more out of *Italy*. I pray you signify unto me, what Parts you have received of *Reusnerus de Bello Turcico*, to which I will send by the next, upon *Fryday*, one Volume more, and likewise another part of *Carlo Ruini* his *Consilia*, which was not bound when I sent away my Books. You have as I take it *quarta pars Repertorii Bertachini*, and want the other Parts being four more; for which I pray you send it me hither by the next, because I have sent him to you compleat, by the dry Fats, and that 4th Tome must be delivered to *John Bill*. You must remember to call to Mr. *Allen* for *Tychon Brahe* his last Book and Chain, with the rest, as likewise your *Weston*. I think you shall find of *Barbation's* Works, some double Tomes, which now at this chaining would be set apart to be sent hereafter. I pray you also signify, whether you have *Sybilla Speculum peregrinarum Questionum* 8vo. I have for the most of those, which I sent unto you lastly, bound sundry Authors together, to the



end the Multiplicity of Chains, might not take away the Sight and Shew of the Books: For which it will behove you, to look over and peruse every Volume precisely, least any should seem wanting, which is there notwithstanding. And thus for this time, I bid you heartily farewell.

London,  
June 14.

*Your ever assured*  
Tho. Bodley.

LXXXI.

SIR,

I have not as yet been at *London*, but I purpose thither about the end of this Week, or on *Munday* next, at the furthest, where I shall be desirous to hear how all is liked, by your Act-Spectators of the Library. I pray you keep a private Note to your self, of all such Books as you shall find to be double, and make them known but only to me, for avoiding Suitors that will be desirous to have them. Withal I could wish, that you kept secret to your self, whatsoever Defects or Imperfections, you may find among the Books, in the binding or otherwise, as you saw there were many in the binding of my Lord *Chamberlain's*. For it may be that all such Errors and Defects will be, upon your Report, talked of more and otherwise, than were meet.

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I long to hear how the Vice-Chancellor hath proceeded, in proposing my Catalogue of the last Benefactors in your publick Convocation, and what Order hath been taken upon it.

If D. *Raynolds* hath perused the *Greek Choniata*, and conferred it with his, I would willingly know the Difference. Of these Particulars and of what else you list, I would be glad to hear from you, and rest the while and ever,

Burnham, *Your most affectionate Friend,*  
July 15.

Tho. Bodley.

LXXXII.

SIR,

**T**HE Forwardness of your Catalogue is very good Tidings, and your Endeavour about the *Index* is as needful as may be. I hope Mr. Principal will so provide, that the Joyners will have ended, three Weeks before the Act; before which time, and before your Catalogue be printed, I hope my self to be with you. If you please every Week to send the Sheets, as they are printed, I will thank you for it.

Sir *John Parker* hath promised more than you have signified: But Words are Women, and Deeds are Men. The Common Law-Books shall be provided out of Hand, though that place be little behold-  
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ing to the Common-Lawyers. But they cannot be bought and bound, and their Titles sent unto you, to be printed with your Catalogue.

My Lord of *Southampton* hath given 100 *l.* unto the Library, whereof I have written to the Vice-Chancellor. Whether *Jo. Smith* were with you, or sent you any Chains, you signify nothing.

As touching your Title-Page, and your Epistle, I am no Judge for you to build on. For in mine own Writings I am altogether negligent, and in censuring other Men's somewhat too curious. For in your Title Page, I should not like that Composition, *per omnimodo*: And I could wish that *Dioscorides* were added to *Hip. & Gal.* For *Scholæ Oxon.* methinks *Academiæ* would be better: and there would be somewhat else for *Primario*, which I think you cannot find adverbially put in any good Author. Your Epistle for many Points in it, I could wish you would frame afresh: And unless I were with you, I cannot so well express them by Letter. But you have *Moses* and the Prophets, your Brother and Others there with you, whose Judgments will stead you more than mine: And for that it is the last thing to be printed, I purpose to be with you, before you come to it.

London,  
May 1.

Your very assured Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.

SIR, LXXXIII.

I Will be at the Charge of printing the Catalogue, and so I pray you signify to Mr. *Barns*, with whom, for the Price, I will accord, at my coming to *Oxon*; praying him the while, to provide such new Chaces, and Rulers, with all other Necessaries, as that Work shall require: To the end the Catalogue may be printed, as soon as is possible.

The next Week, God willing, I will send away my Books, and purpose myself, to be with you shortly after: at which time we shall agree upon the Letter, and all things else in doubt. I pray you send me *Bacon*, and as for *Hadrianus* joyn'd with him, he shall be returned Bound with some other.

You forgot to send me Word, as touching the Chests to be placed in the Windows, for the use of the smaller Books, what Length, Depth, and Breadth they may be of, and what number of Books you think they may contain; wherein I shall request you to use the Advice of Mr. Principal *Hawley* in special, and to commend me most heartily unto him. I would receive your Answer by the first, the next Week, for that I purpose thereupon to send some Wainscot with my Books.



Books. You must needs adventure to send two or three Letters to Jo. Chain-man, by several Messengers, whereby some one may come to his Hands. Commend me most heartily to your Brother.

London,  
June 13.

*Your ever assured,*

Tho. Bodley.

LXXXIV.

SIR,

**T**O the end the Gift-Books of this Year, may be found upon the Register this Act, I have herewith sent you the greatest part, some few remaining yet behind, which you shall have the next Week, or in time convenient. I have also taken such order, as you shall receive your Chains before the Act. Herewith is a Letter to Sir *Hales*, which I pray you be careful to deliver with the soonest, to the end he may go forward and Register all at Leisure. As for D. *Reynolds's* Books, I pray you deliver the Catalogue unto him, with such an Inscription prefixed as is usual. Withal I would request you, to send me word, whether Sir *Fraser's* last Gift, were his third or fourth. Which is all at this present. I hope you have received my last Week's Letter.

London,  
June 1.

*Your assured Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

LXXXV.

SIR, LXXXV.

**A**S yet the Lamb's-skin-Gown hath not been seen by his Majesty. But he knoweth that I have it, and I expect every Hour, to be sent for to the Court.

If those Books at *Windsor* may not be had, without his Majesty's Privity and Leave, I suppose I shall resolve to let them alone. For although they be worthy the having, yet I cannot think it fit, unless the Gift were greater, to be a Suiter for them. For it may be a Hindrance to me, if hereafter I shall renew, which I purpose God willing, my Petition to his Highness, for Performance of his Promise made to me in *Oxon*.

I utterly dislike my Painter's long Absence, besides that I am informed, that his Colours are nothing so lively and good, as those in the other Library: whereof Mr. Principal *Hawley* must be judge between us, by virtue of our Bargain; whereof I pray you remember both Mr. Principal and the Painter.

I think my Brother of *Exeter*, and sundry others of my Kindred, will be with you in *Oxon* upon *Tuesday* next, towards whom I do not doubt, but you will shew, as you have ever, to all my good Friends, your accustomed courtesy. Withal I must  
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intreat you to tell my Brother, that he shall be assured to find me at *Fulham* at his coming: but I could wish, that he would send me some one of his Men before, to the end I may know whether I shall provide his Dinner or his Supper for him on *Tuesday*, which I do imagine will be his day at *Fulham*. *Vale*.

London,  
May 22.

Your assured ever,

Tho. Bodley.

*I am told that you have none of these Books in the Note inclosed, whereof I pray you send me word, and the Note back again. For I am much deceived, if I have not Hall and Fabian.*

LXXXVI.

SIR,

**M**Y Lady Vere's Request is, in the Inscription to her Gifts, after *Vidua*, that it should be set down, *Et Filia Jo. Tracy de Tuddington Militis*: And if Sir *Hales* have written it already, I could wish that it might be put down in the Margin for her Satisfaction. I pray you send me the Title of *Marianus Scotus*; and learn, if you can, the right writing of Mr. *Broome*'s Name that gave it, together with his Surname. Which is all the present occasion of my writing; commending you therewith to God's special Preservation.

Your very assured,

Tho. Bodley.

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*The next Week, God willing, I will send you down my Books; for which I could wish that you would by some means make it known to the Chain-Smith, that about the end of this Month, you shall have need of his Chains and his Help.*

SIR, LXXXVII.

**I** Hope the Report of the Lord Chief Justice's decease will prove altogether Vain. I dined to Day with my Lord of Canterbury, of whom I asked what he heard, and his Answer was, that he did not believe it: whereto I replied, that if it proved true, you should have great need of his Favour and Patronage, in regard of your Suit; and therewithal I besought him, to uphold your Estate, from being impaired; whereof I pray you take notice, whensoever you write unto him, and of his Answer unto me, That you should be assured of whatsoever he could do for your Benefit and Good, which he delivered very Effectually and Cheerfully. And you may rest assured, that I will hold him in that Humour, or rather good Affection, while my Word or my Credit may stand you in stead.

Mr. Brent hath been with me, and hath made the like Report, as you do, of my Building, wherewith I rest fully satisfied  
till



till I come in Person to behold it.

I pray you signify by your next, which of these Books set down in the Schedule herewith, is in the Library.

I hold it for concluded, that Mr. Vice-Chancellor shall be Bishop of *London*. Once I remember you wrote unto me, that *Stow's Chronicle* of the last Edition might be bought for the Library: But whether I sent it, I cannot call to mind. Thus I rest as ever.

London, *Your assured loving Friend,*  
March 12. *Tho. Bodley.*

SIR LXXXIII.

**S**ir *Henry Savill* hath special Occasion for a time to use the MS. Epistles of *Nazianzen*, which are in the grated Rooms. I pray you deliver what he shall require, upon a Note of his Hand: But keep it, to your self, least it go for a Precedent. For haply some others will seek the like Favour as neither can nor will deserve it, so well as Sir *Henry*, whose Affection to the storing and preserving of the Library, I know to be singular. *Vale.*

London, *Your assured Friend,*  
Oct, 20, 1608. *Tho. Bodley.*

LXXXIX.

SIR,

**I**F you find *Arculanus* there, it being a big Book, and not printed in your Catalogue,

talogue, I fear you have omitted a very great many, which are there and yet not printed. I do find *Honcala* joyned with another here, but that other is not worth a third part of the Price, that is set down for them both: That unless it be severed from *Honcala*, it will not be worth the buying.

Sir, I would most willingly not buy those Books again, which are in *Tract. Doct. Biblioth. Patrum* and the like. But then I must have a Catalogue of them all with speed, for that I cannot otherwise put any to binding, till I shall resolve which to take. Now how long it will be, before you shall be able to send me that Catalogue, your self know best. And where you think it expedient, to print the several Treatises of those great Tomes, I am very willing to it: for that otherwise, I doubt, most Men wanting Direction where to seek those Treatises, will imagine that they are not in the Library. But I pray you signify your Conjecture, of the Number of the Sheets, that you think must, in that Regard, be printed more.

I do determine the next Week, to send you a Proof of the Order that I take, in the Coupling of Books in one Volume, to the end you may see, whether you and I

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shall



shall concur in understanding one another, about the Numbers and otherwise.

My Lord of *Cranborn* hath conferred 50 *l.* upon the Library, whereof I have written unto the Vice-Chancellor, and delivered my Letter to Mr. *Powel*: But I would intreat you to sollicit the Vice-Chancellor, that the University's Letter of Thanks, may be sent as soon, as it can be with Convenience. The mean while I bid you heartily adieu.

Fulham,  
Dec. 21.

*Your very assured Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

XC.

SIR,

I Am greatly beholding to all my Friends, and to your self in special, for your singular Care of my Health and Welfare, which I find, I thank God, to be better Day by Day. You make me glad with what you signify, that you are assured in *England*, there are more Books to be found than are worth 500 *l.* which are not in the Library. If they be to be sold advertise me of it, and I will presently bestow two hundred Marks before the Act: And I will presently take order, that none of the rest shall escape my Hands. And if you aid me not herein, the Fault shall be your's and not mine. For you shall never see, that any good Books shall be lost  
for

or want of buying, though I find no Contributors: albeit you need not doubt, but I shall always find sufficient. And touching the Imperfections found by the Students, that the most corrected Copies are not sent unto them, sith neither your self nor they, have ever directly and in particular, acquainted me with it, I must cast the Blame upon those, that when they knew so much, were silent.

The latter end of your Letter is obscure unto me, sounding much as if you meant, to give over your Charge, and betake your self to a private Course: Which if you do intend, I pray you express it directly. For as I have been, and am exceedingly satisfied, with your Endeavours in that Place, so if you purpose to forsake it, I must be very careful to see, the University be continually served. And as I am assured, I shall never have any, more sufficient than your self, so withal I am resolved, that never any shall be used, with so much Favour as your self. I will neither advise or persuade you to one Course or other, because I will be free from Desert of Rebuke, but I wish you to harken to your most judicial Friends, and rest assured always, that your nearest Friends and Kinsfolks, can neither desire, nor ten-



der your Welfare and good Contentment more than my self.

London, *Your most affectionate Friend,*  
April 30. Tho. Bodley.

XCI.

SIR,

**T**His *Christmas* hath made me to keep at *Fulham*: But to Morrow, God willing, I will to *London*, and if I can in time, before the Carrier depart, I will send your *Possevin* of the first. Otherwise you shall not fail to receive it on *Saturday*, unbound as it is, for that I had it not in time, to be bound before the Holy-days. If your Answer to Him and *Gretserus*, could be printed before the Mart, there may be some hope it will find Him alive: If not, it can be no Diminution, to the Goodness of your Cause: And haply *Gretserus* will supply for the other, by some Explication. Howsoever, your Cause is good, your Leisure is good, and so is your Will, I am sure, and likewise your Means, by Reason of your Library, to frame so good an Answer, as I trust will be some Means to advance your Estate. Which I wish may fall out to your best Contentation.

Fulham, *Your most affectionate Friend,*  
Jan. 7. Tho. Bodley.

XCII.

SIR,

WHere you write in your former, that one of those Window-Desks, might well contain 300 Books in 4to. and 8vo. I cannot perceive by that Proportion, which Mr. Principal hath set down, that any one will contain 100. But howsoever, I will pack away my Books this Week, and send some Wainscots withal, which I will after increase as the Work shall require, and as upon a sight of my Patern at my Coming, I shall find to be needful. And as for the time of coming thither, perhaps it will be my best, to appoint it presently after the Act, when *Barns* may be ready, to go in Hand with his Print, for which I pray you entreat him, to make speedy Preparation, that I may have no Occasion to make any Stay, which my Business will hardly suffer: As they will not for the present, to write to Mr. *Ballow*, to whom for this Gift, and for other former Kindnesses, I hold myself much and very much beholding: and so I shall request you, to signify unto him, and to salute him from me very heartily. My printed Catalogue is finished, and the Book in the Binders-Hand: Which will not be ready before the end of the next Week: But shall before the



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Act be placed in the Library. Herewith  
I commend you to God's Good Tuition.

London 20.

*Your affectionate Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

*I pray you signify unto me, what good Scrivener  
you have in Oxon, with a Line or two  
written by him of his Italian Hand. I  
hear nothing of Mr. Haidock. You for-  
got to send me Bacon.*

SIR,

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**I** Cannot write plainer, than I did in  
my former. You ask leave to do that,  
which needeth no Man's Leave; and as I  
signified lastly, if my Leave should be  
needful, I should very much wrong both  
you and the State, if I should not grant it  
willingly. And therefore I know not,  
what should cause you again, to ite-  
rate that Request. Still I hope you will  
remember, that nothing be omitted, while  
that Work is in Hand, of the Duties be-  
longing to the Custody of the Library:  
and then assume whom you please, and  
commence when you think good: and I  
beseech the Almighty to prosper your  
proceeding.

My Opinion is the same, as I shewed  
before, That whatsoever hath been pro-  
mised, sith nothing is performed, Sir *Tho.  
Lake* has done as much for you, as either  
of

of the others. I would that yearly 20 l. to keep your Wife and Child, were bestowed upon you there; and then I might say for certain, that there is somewhat done for you: Whereas otherwise to make you an offer of such a Salary, to be Chaplain in his House, is to bid you to your loss. In effect all promises of Livings when they fall, and Letters of Recommendation, are to very small purpose, unless they be followed and effected. For of such *Sir Tho. Lake* can procure you as many as you shall desire, and none of them all relieve your present Necessity. It is no good Course that you take, to set *Sir Tho. Lake* a work, about the obtaining of two Prebends at one Instant, without Inquiry made before, what Advowsons are forth already: It will not stand with my Credit to make such Motions at Random, and at all Adventures, nor it would not be proposed, but by way of Petition in a word from your self as well as from me.

Herewith I have sent you Mr. *Munday's* Bill, and so commend your Welfare to God's special Protection.

Dec. 12.

*Your assured*

Tho. Bodley.



SIR,

XCIV.

I Would willingly peruse the Catalogue of your double Books, before I make them away: but I pray you commend me to your Brother, who I am resolved shall make his Choice, of such as he liketh before any other.

I must desire you to remember to put, *Donavit jam tertio 10 Libras, &c.* upon the Inscription of this Year's Gift of Sir *Fra. Vere*. I am very sorry for the breaking of the Register Clasp; which could not be done, without very great Violence, and will, in my Opinion, be hardly well repaired.

Your Suit to Sir *H. Savile* I will not forget, to further to my uttermost; but to answer all Objections, it were fit for me to do it by word of Mouth; and I pray you be thoroughly advised upon it, whether the place may be enjoyed by one, that shall be forced to be absent so much. For I am loth to make such Suits, as are of a Nature not to be granted. But I hold it otherwise, a very good place for your purpose, and will afford you thereunto my best furtherance.

What becomes of your Verses, intended to be offered to the King of *Denmark*, I do not understand. I pray you inform me

me by your next. If you have any more copied out of *Wicliffe*, you shall pleasure me much to impart it to me : and it shall be restored with very hearty Thanks, at whatsoever time you please to assign.

How I should be instructed of the Case of *Eaglescliffe*, in good Truth I know not. For where the Dean is, I hear not : and to move the Archbishop about it, at random, when he finds me ignorant of the nature of my Suit, is to teach him to deny me.

Take good Knowledge, I pray you, of *Eaton* Fellowship, and it shall not be long, if it be feasible, before I speak to Sir *Henry*, though I make of set Purpose a Journey unto him. Would to God you had signified, wherein the Imperfections of our *London* Binding did consist, and in what kind of Volumes in special ; whether of Books in Folio, or others. And thus I bid you for this time very heartily Adieu.

Fulham,  
July 25.

*Your very assured*

Tho. Bodley.

XCV.

SIR,

THE Mart Books be not yet come, but are hourly expected. Until then I shall not be able, to send Mr. *Hales* a Catalogue of all, that shall be with you before the Act. Howbeit I may haply  
very



very shortly send him some to begin withal, and then I will also write unto him.

To your intended Exercise in the Act, I cannot but wish you that Success, which I would should befall my dearest Friends, in all their Endeavours, and I do it very heartily.

Mr. *Worfeley* shall not be forgotten in my Nomination of this Year's Benefactors; and if you please, the mean while, his Gift may be recorded on the Register. I wish you had set down, what Books they are of *Bacon*, that you intitle *opuscula varia Rog. Bacon*: because I am promised to see some MSS. of *Bacon*, which I will either buy or refuse, as I find by your Answer, what those are of Mr. *Worfeley*. Mr. Vice-Chancellor will shew you a List of D. *Rainolds's* Books, out of which I would pray you to take a Note of those that are not in the Library, how many soever they fall to be. For out of them we will select 40 for the Library, and for the rest, it may be that the Parties, to whose lot they shall come, will be pleased to take others from me in Exchange; which I hope will both stand with the Will of the Deceased, and with the good liking of his Executors. Herewith I inclose an Imperfection of one of your Law-Books,

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Books, which I pray cause to be inserted in his place. If the Mart-Books come in any time, I hope to send you more, than haply you or others expect. My kindest Salutations to your Brother *Edm.* if he be in *Oxon*, or wheresoever he be when you write unto him.

London,  
June 7.

*Your most affectionate,*

Tho. Bodley.

*I have intreated the Vice-President of Corpus Christi-College, to assist you in the Recovery of those Books of D. Reynolds, to such effect as I have written, wherein you shall find him very careful. I pray you signify unto me whether you have any of these in the Library : Cor. Gemma de Divinis Charecterismis ; Ad. Ottonis Pharmacopœia ; B. Gordonii Lilium Medicinæ ; Tricassi Chiromantia ; Florianensis vetus Bibliotheca ; Medicina practica M. Rulandi, Ejusdem Appendix de Dotibus.*

XCVI.

SIR,

**N**OT only the Books, which you have specified, but there are many besides in the Library, which you have here set aside, and a number withal, not worth the taking; of which I will send you a Note hereafter. In the mean Season, I pray you let me know, whether you have  
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not, in *Valesius's* Works, his Comment upon *Hyppocrates De Morbis popularibus*, and upon the *Aphorisms*. In *Budæus's* Works, his *Annotaciones in Pandectas*, and his *Forensia*. *Honcala in Genesim*. *Arculan. Medici Opera*. And still methinks you should have *Articella*. I am to go forth a Town for five or six Days, but so as I will return, on *Thursday* next, to receive your Letters; in which I would request you further to signify, whether in the Note that I shall send you of the Books, which are coupled here in Binding, it will be requisite for me to set down the same number twice written, upon two several Parcels of one Book. As for Example, if you set down upon *Budæus in Pandectas* 200. and of the same Author, upon another part, as *Forensia* 200. (because they are Books that may be very well joyned together) whether it will be requisite, to advertise you of both those Numbers. Sometimes, as in *Thuanus's* Works in 8vo, which cannot be combined in one Volume, you do only set your Number upon the beginning, or Title-Page, and the second part hath no number at all. Oftentimes you do write the self same Numbers, upon three or four several Works of the same Author, if they be of one Print; whereas they cannot be bound but in three or four

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Volumes. For which I would request you to signify, what Course I shall take, in my Certificate to you, that our Correspondence may be perfect, and without all Ambiguity. This is all for this time.

London,  
Dec. 15.

*Your true affected Friend,*  
Tho. Bodley.

XCVII.

SIR,

FOR the Fashion of the Anticks and Pendants, I refer my self wholly to the Work-man, together with your self, Mr. *Gent*, Mr. *Brent*, and Mr. Principal, having herewith returned your Patterns again; which I can like of well enough, if they be to your Likings. Concerning *Price's* place, there will be time to resolve, at my coming to *Oxon*. If *Bal. College-Lead* be very good, and a reasonable Peniworth to be had, I pray you speak to *Jo. Acroide*, to bargain for it; and send me word how much you think my Covering will require.

I do not remember that I had ever the sight of this Letter of yours to the Bishop of *Limrick*. If the Party that Writ it be thereabout with you, I could wish it were renewed, and if your self have not the Means, I will hearken after some, that will be careful to send it to him; withal  
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in my Opinion, it will not do amiss, sith the Letter was commended to your Conveyance, that it should be accompanied, with a Line or Two from your self. You forgot to send me Word, when the Catalogues of Books which you have returned, were put into the Library; whether since or before the last Act. In any Case let not those rotten ended Joices be placed in the Floor, unless you see more Reason for it, than I for the present can imagine. Wherein I pray you take Advice of some others of my Friends. Which is all for the present.

London,  
May 22.

*Your assured Friend,*  
Tho. Bodley.

XCVIII.

SIR,

**T**Hough the Agreement with Jo. A-  
croide, require his Performance by  
Michaelmas, yet that should not hasten  
their present Pointing of the Ashler, if  
the Season be not for it. For as they are  
Bound, to do their Work by a Day, so  
withal they are tied, to do it well and  
Work-man like: and if their daubing  
should dislike me, at my coming to Oxon,  
I am fully perswaded, they can hardly so  
cleanse it, as I shall find it well amended.  
For to say, as methinks they do, that all  
is well done, as the time of the Year  
would

would then afford, is still to accuse themselves ; for that if they had told me, that the time of the Year, would not permit them, to do their Work as had been fit, I would have expected a fitter Season. But these be lewd Excuses, sith *Wadham* College Building was then begun, and well enough performed. It is true, that it is not in the compass of the Alderman's Profession ; yet any Man's Eye of Judgment, of what Profession soever, may prove a meet judge of the well or ill Jointing, of an ashler Wall. Truly, *Jo. Acroide* cannot have more Encouragement, than he hath at my Hands, and so I know Mr. *Brent*, if you chance to talk with him, and *John* himself will confess. For if the Faults be not such, as the general Voice will utterly dislike, I will swallow his Gnats with a very good will, and my Friends, whosoever shall not move me to the contrary. When I come, I will conclude, and I hope there is nothing, but will fall within the Compass of mine own simple Judgment, for the good or bad Performance, for which, if *John* were come, you should have me shortly with you. The mean while I thank you very often and very heartily, both for your so careful overseeing my Work-men, as for  
your



your diligent Advertisement, how every thing proceeds. *Vale.*

London,  
March 7.

*Your assured,*  
Tho. Bodley.

XCIX.

SIR,

**I** Expected no other Performance of that Promise of Sir *Ant. C.* and had you tarried for my Answer, I should have wished you to write, before you had gone in Person. For I have many such Promisers every Day, but hardly of twenty, one Performer.

I am busied in getting a Warrant for the King's Books; because it must pass the Privy-Seal: And as yet I am not assured, how his Highness will have me to extend his Gift, and with what Reservations it shall pass. The mean while, it needs to be no Let to any publick Exercise that you will perform: For that you shall have Warning timely before I shall crave your Aid.

That building of *Exeter-College* must be looked into by times: Wherein you and your Brother shall do me a Favour, to talk with D. *Holland*, and with the Vice-Chancellor, if you find it requisite: To whom in like manner, I will write my self, when by your Information, I shall have certainly understood, what Work

Work it is that they intend, and how prejudicial to the Library. I pray, Sir, send me Word what Edition it is of *Bibliotheca Patrum* which you do desire. I have one offered unto me by *John Bill*, printed at *Par.* 1575, and set out by *La Bigne*, which *John Bill* saith is the same that you mean, which varies from the last Edition.

If Mr. *Farmor* Mr. *Munday's* Merchant here will receive your Quarteridge, and give me a Bill to Mr. *Munday* for the Payment of it unto you, I will send it here inclosed; if not, I will attend some Order from you by your next. *Vale.*

Oct. 2.

*Your ever assured,*

Tho. Bodley.

C.

SIR,

I Have wrestled this Fourtnight with a certain Infirmitie, with which I cannot make my Peace, though it fareth better with me than it did at the first, for which I hope, e'er be long, I shall clean overcome it. Your Monies are paid, where you appointed, as you may perceive by the Acquittances herewith. I cannot send you my Books, to be there before the Act, because they are many, and cannot be bound, and repaired so soon, through the time that I have lost, by  
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means of Sicknefs : Whereof I hope by my next to fend you better News.

London,

July 3.

*Your faithful Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

*I pray you fend me Word with your next, how the Joyners and Painters proceed.*

SIR,

CI.

**I** Have Apostilled your former ( for I have neither the Leisure nor the Will, to answer your Length with those just Complaints, that I could ) and presently upon it, I received your Books and Catalogues ; for which I thank you : Having signified before they came to my Hands, my Mind to Mr. *Gent*, both touching Mr. *Burckby* his Books, and the Doubles in the Library : To whom for the present I must refer you, for that I have not now the Leisure, to run over your Catalogues. I am glad to understand that your double, Books in the Library are nothing so many, as heretofore you have made Men believe, wherein I marvelled much, sith it rather tended to the disgracing, than to any Commendation of the Library. Which is all I can signify for the present.

London,  
Aug. 7.

*Yours,*

Tho. Bodley.

CII.

SIR,

YOUR *Expositiones S. Script.* sith the like is not done, in one sort or other, in the rest of the Faculties, will seem, I am afraid, a maimed Piece of Work : For which and other Considerations, I could be well contented, that it had been omitted.

I am newly come from *Cambridge*, where I staid half a Day, and was used very kindly, by their Vice-Chancellor and some others. Their Libraries are very meanly stored, and *Trinity-College* worst of all.

You write me nothing of our new Interpreter's Proceedings, who are at it hard in *Cambridge*; and of a Design, that some Man hath, to enlarge your Library, wherewith no Man as yet hath made me acquainted, having only heard a Bruit, that there is such a purpose in Hand. And how this printed Catalogue will stand with that Inlargement, I cannot conjecture; But if such a thing be meant, it will haply be requisit, that we surcease from Proceeding in the Print, to save the Charge that I shall sustain, when the Catalogue shall be frustrate. I would intreat you, to signify your Mind. I have bound *Perkins's* Works, and will send them unto you,

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with the next Occasion of sending somewhat else, Adieu.

London,  
Sept. 4.

*Your loving Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

*This Week I had no Letter from you.*

SIR,

CIII.

I Thank you for your so particular Advertisement of the D. of *Brunswick's* Entertainment. As yet I have no News of his Beneficence to the Library: Neither am I assured of his Return to the Court. But when it shall be performed, I will not omit to procure fit Thanks to his Grace, and to bethink me besides, what other Compliment may be requisite: As also it may be, if of himself, he do not call to mind his Promise unto you, it shall be moved unto him, by some other than my self.

As the Delegates have resolved, there shall be a Porter for the Library. But first their Statutes would be seen as touching his Charge, and the Place would be known, where they would assign him to sit: Which I hope they will determine, with the rest of the Statutes: And until that, and some other things be done, there will be no such need of hasty naming any Porter.

I have now resolved upon the Enlargement of the Library, and to set it presently a-foot, having therewith acquainted the Vice-Chancellor already, and in part agreed with *Merton-College* Mason, who hath put me in good Hope, that by *Michaelmas* come Twelvemonth the whole shall be finished. I pray you send me the Name of him that promised 5 *l.* more to the Library (of whom Mr. *Price* sent me Word a great while since) having been a former Benefactor. I would also know from whom, and by what Means, I shall receive his Benevolence; to the end his Books may be bought, and sent with the rest that I send this Act. *Vale.*

Fulham,  
May 16.

*Your very assured Friend,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CIV.

SIR,

I Had no sooner sent my former Letter to the Carrier, but *John Bill* was returned, who hath been only at *Sevil*, but hath brought good store of Books from thence. His purpose was at first, to have visited all other like Places, and Universities, where any Books were to be gotten: But the People's Usage towards all of our Nation, is so cruel and malicious, as he was utterly discouraged for this time. Howbeit it may be hereafter, if



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they use the Matter better, he will make another Voyage. His Books, I suppose, will be here within these two Days: Whereof I thought fit to give you present Notice, recommending you again to God's special Protection.

London,  
Nov. 14.

Your assured,  
Tho. Bodley.

CV.

SIR,

I Have paid *Crossellie's* Bill, as you requested, and herewith I send you the Party's Acquittance, to whom the Mony was delivered. How fit that Party is for Mr. *Price's* Room, whom you so much commended, in a former, unto me, I cannot perfectly understand: But if his Person as well as his Learning, be to be liked, I would not willingly seek further, to the end, I may satisfie both you and Mr. *Price*. For I hold it a Point, to be considered of, in regard of the great Access of great Persons oftentimes, of both Sexes, that he that shall wait upon them in the Library, and answer their Demands, should be a personable Scholar, and qualified, if it may be, with a Gentleman-like Speech and Carriage, towards such as he shall accompany. It will make the more in some sort, for the University's Honour, and for our own Reputations in making our Election.

Election. I pray think upon it seriously, and let us not do that, which we would presently wish undone. The publick good and publick liking, is all that I aim at. Which is all for the present. *Vale. London, Sep. ultimo.* The Day of my taking a great deal of Physick, having formerly had no Amendment at all.

*Your assured Frind,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CVI.

SIR,

**A**LL my Books are sent away in two dry Fats, a few excepted, which shall be sent before the Act, for that they could not be packed with the Rest. They will be with you, I hope, at the furthest, upon *Monday*, and I my self in like manner, the same Day, or the Day following. You shall do well, to send for the Chain-man to be with you upon *Wednesday*. The smallest Books being so many as you shall find them, must be put in Heaps upon the Floor in the Closets, and for the time, you may place some in the grated Desks. Where and how Place may be made hereafter, with Decency to the Library, I pray you bethink you thoroughly against my coming, that all may be done for the Benefit, and general Liking of



the University, and your own greatest Ease.

London,  
April 10.

Your ever assured,  
Tho. Bodley.

CVI.

SIR,

I Thank you very heartily for your Letter by this Carrier, and for the Pains you have taken, in disposing the Books. But I pray you consider with your Friends, whether it will not suffice, to allot but one Desk to Physick. For if so be one Desk and a Half, may contain, as you have signified, 238 in Folio, more in Physick, than are there already, considering how slowly Men publish in Physick great Volumes in Fol. methinks one Desk might serve the turn, and the other Half be converted to the Faculty of the Law, which will undoubtedly require five times more than Physick. Howbeit I leave it to your self, to do herein as you see cause.

If *Kaies* will make a chest for Tryal, at his own charge, I could wish it were done, for that at my coming, it will help me much in my Resolution, to see a Pattern of our Project. To your Letter by *Munday's* Carrier, I returned my Answer by him again, which I hope you have received. It should seem, that assigning only four Desks and a Half for Art, they will

will admit to be brought in hereafter 688 more in Folio, besides those that may be placed on the Shelves under the Tables : whereupon, my Opinion is, that half a Desk of Art, may be given to Law ; which, with the other Half of Physick, will make one whole Desk more for Law, and all in my Judgment will hardly serve turn : whereof you shall make a better Conjecture, when you shall have received the Books that I have here ; which I purpose, God Willing, to send the next Week, bidding you 'till then most heartily farewell.

*Your ever assured,*

Tho. Bodley.

CVII.

SIR,

**I** Make no doubt, but this Offer of my Lord of *Canterbury*, will prove a ready Step to your further Preferment ; which I wish as heartily unto you, as you can wish unto your self : and as occasion shall be presented, when I shall talk with his Grace, I will not fail to give a push, to the furthering of that Wheel.

As touching the repairing of the Register-Book, because it shall not be long, before I view it my self, I defer to take Order till then ; as also, then I will acquaint you with all my Purposes and Projects,  
about



about the Enlargement of the Library : which would require by Writing a more tedious Relation, than my urgent Affairs, will afford me time to declare. But in good Season, God willing, all shall be told you, to your full Contentation. For I will neither resolve, nor yet after proceed without your liking ; praying you the while, to assist this Bearer *Benson*, to take the full Survey of all Dimensions of the Libraries, with the places about it, which is in effect all his Errand thither : and so I rest,

Fulham,  
Mar. 23.

*Your assured in Affection,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CVIII.

SIR,

**T**ILL *Jo. Bill* be returned, I shall rest uncertain, what Number of Books I shall bring. But yet I hope there will be more, than I expected, at the first, considering how much I have been letted, through the long continuance of the Sickness.

Your Mony I had made long since unto you, but that I thought your self, according to your Custom, would have signified unto whom it should have been delivered. I have now, here inclosed, sent a Bill for Mr. *Munday*, to pay 7 l. 6 s. 8 d. I would not, by no means, defer the printing

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ing of your Catalogue, but till after the Act: for which I would intreat you, to meditate upon it, how it may be performed, to both our Credits and Contents. I am somewhat discouraged, with this last Renovation of the Sickneſs in *Cat-street*; but God will turn it, I hope; from taking hold-fast in the Colleges: which I wish very heartily, with all kind of Happineſs, to your own Estate and Welfare.

London,  
April 12.

*Your true affected Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

*You have Aristophanes in Greek, with an old Greek Scholia upon it. I pray you send me word, in half a Line, how the Scholia doth begin, upon the first Comædie, ΠΛΕΤΘ, and where your Book was Printed.*

CIX.

SIR,

**I** Pray you signify unto me, what breadth you think fit to be allotted for your Books unchained, to wit, in 40. and 80. whether it were not best to assign such a breadth upon every Shelf, as a Book in 40. might conveniently be placed behind a Book in 80. for the gaining of Room; for which, as I imagine, nine Inches may suffice, for the ordinary sort of Volumes. I know it were the best course, to set them all single upon their  
Shelves;



Shelves; but yet because in time to come, you may be again, as now you are, scant-ed of Rome, it behoves us to cast our Plots in such sort, as the uttermost Advantage of Room may be taken, when Necessity shall enforce us. Therefore I request you to signify your Opinion therein; and withal how many Shelves you think meet to allot for every Desk, of those smaller sized Volumes, on each side. As far as I remember, there are but seven on a side in the Closets. I would, also, willingly know the breadth of your Gallery, over the Door, at the entrance into the Library; and the length and breadth of one of your side Windows in the Library, Lastly, the breadth of the great Window at the upper end, taking the same, at the broadest place thereof, beneath. You shall do me a Pleasure to advertise me by your *Monday's* Carrier of these particulars, which are quickly measured. And herewith I leave you to God's Holy Protection.

Fulham,  
Jan. 27.

Your assured Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.

*I shall intreat you further to let me understand, what you think of those lower Desks, under the Tables in the Library, whether you think they may be used conveniently hereafter, though not with that Ease as the rest.*

CX.

SIR, CX.

I Have gotten a Warrant from the King, under his Hand and Privy Seal, for the choice of any Books, that I shall like, in any of his Houses or Library's. Howbeit, for that the place at *White-Hall*, is over the Queen's Chamber, I must needs attend her departure from thence, whereof as yet there is no certainty known. How I shall proceed for other places, I have not yet resolved, but as occasions fall out, you shall be advertised.

I pray you send me by your *Monday's* Carrier, that Catalogue of Books, which was lastly written by Sir *Hales*, as the Gift of my Lord of *Southampton*. It was written with my Man's Hand, whereto there are more to be added: and I pray you tell Sir *Hales*, that although many Busineses did cause me to forget to speak with him, at my last Departure from *Oxon*, yet I do not forget that I am his Debtor. *Vale.*

London,  
Nov. 6.

*Your assured ever,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CXI.

SIR,

AS in all your former Sheets, so in these, your *Heb.* Words are very faulty, and cannot be amended with the Pen,  
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for that there is an Error almost in every Word, and in some two or three. So many *Resches* and *Vans* as you mention, are not needful, sith the *Heb.* Titles are but few in any one Sheet, and more than one at a time cannot be printed. It doth somewhat move me, to see a Work of this Expectation, and charge unto me, to be so much disgraced through the Printers Carelesness, considering what Warning I gave him for Provision. That Letters may be had, you may see, by that which is printed in the Publick Register, of the Bishop of *Winchester's* Gift.

I am right sorry to hear that your Brother is gone; whereby your Pain is greatly multiplied: but yet the Ease that cometh of it, doth redound to your self for a long time after.

I do not mean the King, as you supposed, but the Prince; for that to the King there are daily Books dedicated, and for ought I can here, few Rewards bestowed: whereof I do think you may have more Hope at the Prince's Hands, by the means of good Friends. But hereof hereafter we may better bethink us. It may be so that I shall bestow this next Week in a Voyage to *Cambrige*: But whether I do or not, I shall request you to continue your weekly sending of your Print, directing

recting your Letters and it, to *John Bill*, where I will ask for them at my return. In the mean Season, I wish your Prosperity as mine own.

Your ever assured

Tho. Bodley.

CXII.

SIR,

I Have set down in *English*, the Effect of a Speech, which I should desire might be used for the King. I have written it in hast, and without Curiosity, for your understanding only: And so as you may add or diminish, change or interpose what you think good. For I have only set down the rough Draught, which you may refine, if you like it. If I chance to see your Brother before the Carrier depart, I will confer with him about it. To my Judgment, it will fit your Person, and the Place very well, being written in pure *Latin* and gracefully delivered.

The sending of any Book out of the Library may be assented to by no means; neither is it a Matter that the University or Vice-Chancellor are to deal in. It cannot stand with my publick Resolution with the University, and my Denial made to the Bishop of *Glocester*, and the rest of the Interpreters in their Assembly in *Christ-Church*, who requested the like at my  
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Hands, for one or two Books. I pray you therefore, whensoever you shall talk with D. *Blinco*, or any that may happen to make the like Request, to intreat them to pardon me, being altogether bent, since things have been settled in the Library, to observe all Orders as strictly as may be. The Book required is but little, and may soon be perused in the Library it self, which I do not doubt, but D. *Blinco* will consider, and excuse my Preciseness in observing an Order so much approved by others, and urged still by my self.

With Sir *Thomas Lake*, I will deal to that Effect as you desire: But to speed you of that, which may be for your Purpose, till this Business about the King's coming be overpast, I for my part shall not have the Leisure to devise. For it requires more Enquiry and Information of things, than you do haply think on as yet. Howbeit in time convenient for it, you shall be sure I will endeavour, what I can for your good, by my self and by my Friends, in any respect.

London,                      Your affectionate Friend,  
July 26.                      Tho. Bodley.

*I would intreat Sir Hailes to register my Lord Paget's Books with the soonest, for that I purpose to send a Note of as many*

*as I have gotten for my Lord of Southampton, if not for his whole 100 l. and I pray you signify to him that he shall not take Pains for nothing. Your Brother, I hear, was to seek me on Wednesday, when I was at Fulham: and the same Day he departed.*

CXIII.

SIR,

**T**HIS Afternoon I send away my Books, which will be with you, as I am promised, at the farthest, upon *Fryday* the next Week: For which I would intreat you, to use all the means you can devise, to get the Chain-Smith thither, by that time. Albeit I suppose you shall have no need of Clips, and Wire, by Reason of your old Store, yet to be sure, and to serve your turn hereafter, I have with my Books sent you twenty dozen of Clips with a Quantity of Wire, whereof I pray you reserve, what shall be remaining. I cannot well set down, what time I shall be with you; but I think it will fall out some Sevenight after the Act, or thereabout: Which I defer the longer, to the end I may come, when *Barns* shall be ready, to begin with the printing of the Catalogue. My Register-Book is not yet bound, but it shall be there before the Act. I pray you signify all this to Mr.

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Principal, and commend me to him and to your self very heartily. With my Books, I have sent certain Wainscots, and my Bell.

London,  
Jan. 22.

*Your very assured*  
Tho. Bodley.

## CXIV.

SIR,

**A**S touching the time of printing the Tables, you shall know my Opinion, at my coming to *Fulham*. I am very desirous to speak with Mr. *Chaundelar*, whom I know not where to meet; for as yet I heard nothing of that Intention of my Lord's: But if Mr. *Chaundeler* be in *Oxon*, you may haply get him, to write a word unto me, which you may always have the means, to convey by Mr. *Gent*, with any Letter of your own. For if your Leisure shall serve, I would gladly know what you think of some of those Motions made unto you here, of which you promised in your last to write to me more at large. Because I am packing for *Fulham*, I will bid you adieu with very special Thanks, for your Care in sending the Catalogue so soon. Let me know by your next, where you think I may meet with Mr. *Price*, being very desirous to set forward that Gift, from my Lord Admiral.

Afcot,  
Jan. 15.

*Your ever and all assured*  
Tho. Bodley.

SIR, CXV.

I Would you had signified, where I might find *Sigonius Strenius*, &c. for I find them not in their Faculties and their Letters. Not having yet seen Mr. *Rodway*, I am not assured what you mean by your Beginning of Books, but I would always intreat you as I have done heretofore, that no Innovation might be made without my Privity; Which shall evermore turn you to more Ease than Trouble.

Of those Books of Mr. *Smith*, I would fain know the Titles, that I may put them down here, when I send my Certificate to the University of this Year's Contributor's. Withal I would learn the Proper and Surnames of the Givers: And the Title of Mr. *Ballow's MSS.*

If so be you could be spared from the Library, for a Sevennight or ten Days at the farthest, leaving some Man in your Room of special Honesty and Trust, I would request you to come to *London*, and would bear your Charges coming and going, with a Lodging and Diet in my House. My Desire is, for the speedier publishing of the printed Catalogue, you should take the Titles of all my new Books, of which you shall find about 2000. already gathered in my Gallery: And



then we shall devise a Course together, in what sort they shall be added to the former Catalogue, and written on your Desk-Tables: For which otherwise, without mutual Conference, we shall hardly be able to take a good Order. If it come you to pass to do it conveniently, the sooner you come the better welcome. In the mean while, *Sal. pl. Edoardo Fratri*. Since I began my Letter, Mr *Allen* came to me, who commendeth very much your figuring of the Books, whereof I am right glad, commending you for it to God's blessed Tuition.

London,  
No. 24.

Your own most affectionate  
Tho. Bodley.

SIR,

CXVI.

I Send you now the Catalogues of such Books, as have been given: And I hope Mr. *Hales* will be with you very shortly, to write them down on the Register. For I have dealt to that Effect, both with himself, and with Sir *Henry Savil*. Together with the Catalogues, I have sent you two Sheets to perfect one of your Books, which you will find out by the Title: Besides I hope within this Seven-night, all my Books shall be with you; For I do but expect Conveniency of Carriage. The Catalogue of Dean *Wood's* Books, I have sent apart from the rest,  
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praying you to reserve it loose as it is in the Register-Book, and not to write them down upon the Register till I send the rest of his Books hereafter. For I cannot yet meet with Books sufficient to the Value of his Gift, being one hundred Marks, neither is the Mony as yet paid. But thereof there is no doubt, and I would have them registred all together, least these alone being registred, it should be thought, there were no more to come. The rest besides his, you will cause to be registred by Mr. Hales, when he comes. Sir Tho. Smith's Mathematical Instrument, I am determined to send by Mr. Vice-Chancellor himself, when he returneth. Wherewith I bid you now adieu.

June 19.

*Your ever assured*

Tho. Bodley.

*I have added to my Catalogues, the Names of such as have contributed any thing towards the building of my new Enlargement of the Library: Which I pray you cause to be registred in some Place towards the end of the Register-Book, where your self shall think fit. There wanteth a Volume of Piscator's Bible in Dutch, which the Interpreters here have borrowed of me: But it will be restored and sent unto you before the Aſſ.*



SIR,

CXVII.

I Know not what I have scribed, not by way of Correction (for I neither have the Leisure, nor Learning to do it) but by shewing what I wish your self would reform, to the same or like Purpose, as I have hastily set down. I do not think that the Speech is any whit too long, being delivered with convenient Quickness. As I am affected, my Speech of the two, comprehendeth more Matter, and more pertinent than the other. There will be Orations publickly made, as I do understand it, to the Queen or to the Prince: For which I think you may spare, to think thereupon. For we may not seem more officious, than the whole University: Wherein notwithstanding, you shall not do amiss, to take the good Advice of Mr. Vice-Chancellor. I will be with you, God willing, upon *Saturday* before the coming of the King.

I pray you intreat Sir *Hales* in my Name, to pain himself a little for the recording of my Lord of *Southampton's* Gift, before the K. coming. I have only here inclosed a part of his Books: But there will be twice as many more, which you shall receive upon *Saturday*, in other two Sheets, and yet there will not be all.

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But the rest may be added hereafter.

The Orders hanging at the Door, I could wish to be taken clean away, for the reading of them, by some, will stay, and hinder the Entrance of the Library. I do desire that after the Library is well swept, and the Books cleansed from Dust, you would cause the Floor to be well washed and dried; and after rubbed with a little Rosemary: for a stronger Sent I should not like. I shall also request, to cause the two Tables at the upper End to be taken asunder, and kept in some Friend's House adjoining, till my coming thither. If the Globes will not be placed conveniently in the Gallery (wherein I pray you advise with your Brother, Mr. Principal and Mr. *Gent*) I would desire you likewise, to get them carried to some near Place and put in safe Custody.

I have sent you by the Carrier a dry Fat of Books, of which the first placed, which are at the end that is chalked, are of the old store, whose Titles are set down already, on your printed Catalogue. After them is a Lay of Papers, and then the rest are all new, and such as are not mentioned on your Catalogue. I have farther inclosed in the dry Fat both Wire and Clips, which I make no doubt, but you



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may in good time, get fastned to your Books. *Vale.*

London,  
Aug. 13.

*Your ever assured*

Tho. Bodley.

*I know, as near as you can, you will frame your Meditation, to the King's Pronunciation of i, and au. The Carriage of the Drie-Fat shall be discharged. I have not written to Mr. Principal about the receipt of it, for which I would intreat you to see it carried to the Library in time convenient, and Scholars of your Knowledge appointed, for their Trust, to be imployed in the Carriage up.*

CXVIII.

S I R,

**I** Beseech you deliver the inclosed to Mr. Vice-Chancellor, and by the Carrier I send a Book directed to you, wherein are two Authors, of which the later, as I take it, doth handle that Subject, Which I think D. *Blinco* would willingly Peruse. For I have sent it only in regard of him, from whom, when he hath done with it, I pray you receive it, and place it in the Library.

If you like that rude Draught of a Speech that I sent, I shall be very glad. For you know for me, to set it down more exactly, it was to no purpose unto you. I pray you impart it with your  
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Brother, and when you have framed your Speeches to your liking, let me see it with the soonest. For I will give you my best advice, which yet you may follow at your pleasure: And whatsoever I shall do in your behalf, assure your self, it shall be known to none but my self, that I have any Oar in that Boat.

That which you request about the King's Books, I would willingly do, but that Charges grow on overfast, in so many things daily. With a word of answer to the Prince, or whosoever, that I am binding his Books here in Velvet, in two Volumes, all will be excused, that can be objected. But I do not think, that the Prince, to be there without his Father, will have any leasure.

*Bucannanus* is in your Catalogue, that it will not avail, to Conceal him in his Desk; neither do I think that it will be thought on; or if it be, as yet we have no reason, to take any notice of the King's Dislike.

I pray you continue your purpose for Colouring such Books, as you shall fancy most. You must look for at the least, of all sorts, for some 160 Books from hence, which you shall receive in good season, before the King's coming. Learn if you can of Mr. Vice-Chancellor, when I shall  
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receive the University Letters of thanks to Mrs. Owen, which it were more than time I had Delivered. *Salutem Fratri.*

Your assured,

Tho. Bodley.

*Sir, I do find since, that the Title of that Book which I have sent doth promise more than is contained in the Book.*

SIR,

CXIX.

**I**N your last, before this, you thought it high time, to know by whom the Titles of the Books of this Year's Benefactors, should be Written on the Registers, whereupon I desired to hear presently from you, who there with you, might be fit for that purpose; and whether *Davis* were in *Oxon*. Howbeit as yet, being Three Weeks since, I have received no Answer. This in good truth is a trouble unto me, to Write Double Letters for every matter, and the business of the Library, is very much hindered by it. Withal I was desirous to know when the Chain-man could be with you, and what you heard from him; because it would be inconvenient, for my Books to lie long unchained in the Library. Upon your Answer hereunto I will send my Books unto you, which have been all Bound and ready these Ten Days. If so be that Book, which *Jos. Barnes* is to Print, contain but 30 Sheets,

Sheets, he will be able to dispatch it, before you can be ready, to Print the rest of your Catalogue; and so I would request you to signify unto him. But in any wise you must provide, that all may be finished before the next Act. I am promised by Mr. *Sheldon*, that the Smith shall be ready to come when you will: So as I am to expect but your Answer hereunto, and forthwith to send my dry-Fats down; wherewith I commend you, and all your Proceedings to God's gracious Direction.

London,  
March 28.

*Your assured Friend,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CXX.

SIR,

According to your desire, I have sent you 200 Clips; and on *Thursday* next, God willing, you shall receive the Register-Book; for which I would pray you to deal with *Keies*, that a very strong ledge, and of a good height, may be made and fastned to the Desk, whereon the Register is to be placed, which will be as heavy, if not heavier, than one of *D. Rive's* great Volumes, and in that respect will require a strong Supporter, or Ledge to lean upon. If any man shall be departed, before you shall have delivered, that Letter unto him, which I inclosed in  
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my last unto you, I pray you return it hither again. Which is all at this present.

London,  
June 29.

Your assured,

Tho. Bodley.

CXXI.

SIR,

**Y**our *Index Alph.* doth send me to a page in the *Catal.* where I cannot find *Girolamo Bardi*: it is a Book of great Price, for which I would not buy it twice. I pray you signify in what place I may find it, and whether it be in fol. or otherwise, or in howmany Volumes or Tomes. For this I have here is in Three Parts.

As Touching your Epistle to the Prince, with your Title Page, because your Brother will be with you so shortly, I will tell him by word what I think, which he will impart unto you, as likewise what else, I could wish you should know. You have a Bible or two in *Italian*, in the Library. I would Request you to signify, whether either of them be of *Ant. Brucioli*, whose Translation was Printed at *Ven.* 1532 I may also buy here a very Fair *French* Bible in *fol. magno*, Printed at *Paris* 1587: whether you have the like (for this hath no Interpreter's Name) in the Library already, I would willingly understand by the first; to the end I may send you all your Books here, against the Act.

Act. You shall receive here inclosed D. *Martin's* Books, whose proper Name you must prefix, for that I know it not, and request Mr. *Hails* from me to Write his gift on the Register. Which is all at this time; the rest by your Brother.

June 12.

*Your affectionate ever,*

Tho. Bodley.

*What course you will take for the Correction of your Hebrew, you do not signify.*

S I R,

CXXII.

I AM glad that your Catalogue is finished; of which I know that your self will be careful to correct all the faults of the Print, saving those escaped in the *Hebrew*; which I will willingly reform, at my coming next to *Oxon*. But I know not as yet what time to Appoint in that regard; for that an unexpected Trouble is newly come upon me, by the sudden decease of my Lord Chief Baron, for whom I am to Discharge divers Busineses of Moment, committed to my Trust.

The Title-Page that you sent, is contrived so as I desired; and now that you are eased of Printing the Catalogue, I assure my self you will perform the Preface as well. I know that still Hereafter, as Books shall come in, you shall have cause to add new to the Tables of your  
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Desks. Nevertheless when *Jo. Bill* is returned, and some others sent unto you, which I have and shall gather before your Commencement, you will hardly find in any Year above 200 new Books, which cannot be, by no means, to be added to your Tables, above one Days labour.

At any time that you please to take Physick, or exercise your Body, so that any appointed, that is a Master of Art, and will supply your Place, be present in the Library, though he should not be expert, as were to be required, I know the Vice-Chancellor will allow him, or if you make any Doubt in that respect I will request it by Letter. But for any joynt Deputation, to be made for another Keeper, to be coupled with you, or under your Direction, besides that I hope hereafter it will not be so requisite, it is a Point in my Opinion, of special consideration. For bethink your self first, whether any Graduate of Learning and Sufficiency, will be content to be subject to your daily Direction; and then if any such should be joyntly placed and equalled with you, whether your self could digest it; or whether you both could be pleased, each to make good the others Oath, of all that is required of the Keepers of the Library. Withal you are to think, that no Man  
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will accept of any such Place, unless his yearly Allowance be equal with yours. There are other things beside of weighty respect, to be thought upon by you, which you will easily find, if you cast about you well: And, as I am perswaded, will drive you from your longing for another Fellow in your Function, who perhaps by his coming in the late of the Evening, will enjoy as good a Portion, for Stipend and Credit, as you that have laboured all the Heat of the Day. All this, notwithstanding, it is fit, and I do fully resolve, that hereafter in good time, there shall be somewhat devised, to Ease you in good sort of your painful Attendance.

But now that your Catalogue is printed, I would request you to consult, and to take the Advice of your learned Friends, whether it will not be behoofful, lest your Labour in that Work should seem defective and maimed, that you add to your two *Indices*, the Expositors upon the Canon and Civil Laws, and do the like for those, that have commented upon *Hip. Galen*, and *Dioscorides*. I am to signify thus much farther, that I suppose I shall bring, before the next Act, at the least 600 new Titles of Books, above those that shall come from the next Mart, and from *Jo. Bill*. Then whether it were  
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not meet, to make a Printed *Appendix* of them, and to publish all of them together, and at one time, with this Catalogue. I pray you consider, and let me know your Opinion, for that I am half perswaded, it will be our best, to make one Labour and Cost of both, and to wain Men from their Wishings, to be fingering of this Catalogue, till all may go together. I have received the Sheets that you sent this Week: but of my coming to *Oxon*, I can write you no certainty as yet.

Fulham,  
Oct. 16.

Your affectionate ever,  
Tho. Bodley.

CXXIII.

SIR,

**G**OD speed your Plough, I am glad your Press is a Foot, and you so forward before. I will expect your Sheets from time to time, according to your Promise: though it will be too late for me to advertise of any Escape, when it shall have once passed the Press and Printing. Nevertheless I will always impart, what I think of your Course.

I marvel much that *Perkins's* Works are missing; for I am too too assured, that they were sent; and as far as I remember, bound with another; which I hope you will find, before you have taken the Catalogue

talogue of all. Otherwise I shall cause another to be bought, and sent. I pray you send me a Note of two or three of the grossest Escapes, made by the Correctors of your publick *Index*. For my own part, I read over a great part my self; but if there be any such, they escaped me clean. Howbeit, the truth is, they were never perused more than once, by either of us both; and of a Man, as my self, not used to correct, many a Fault might be swallowed, in one hasty Reading. I hope my Man *Christopher* hath repaired his Error. Commend me to your Brother very heartily.

London,  
Aug. 1.

*Your assured,*  
Tho. Bodley.

Perkins was joyned, to my remembrance,  
*with a Latin Author, that was placed first.*

SIR, CXXIV.

I Had forgotten in my last to signify unto you, that I agreed with the Barge-man, that carried my Books, for 4 s. I hope they arrived in Safety, notwithstanding your Floods, which seem to me as strange as may be, considering you had so little Rain. If Mr. *Allen* be pleased, ( for the Gift was his ) I shall like very well, that another Book might be given in Exchange ; albeit, I do not think ( as you  
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write) that we had the same before: unless it be a great part of the Manuscript of Sir Jo. Fortescue, whereof I stand in doubt. As for Clips and Wires, I pray you provide all there; and if you speak to Mr. Gent, he will see you furnished of Mony. By this Carrier, you shall receive Mr. Edmund's Gift, which is a *Cabala* of the *Jews*, to be put within the grated Shelves, till I send you word, how it shall be used: Which I will do very shortly, and send you the writing of the *Scot* that copied it out of the King's Library in *Paris*. I could not send it in the dry Fat, for fear of being spoilt with the weight of Books. Thus much in Hast.

London,  
July 6.

Your assured Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

*The Cabala is in a long Roll, with Paper about, directed to you. The Carriage is paid for. I pray you cause the inclosed Letter to be safely delivered.*

SIR,

CXXV.

AS I am perswaded, there are not very many, that would use the Globes; and if there were, I think within three or four Years they would be so flurred, as I should be forced to renue them still, which would prove, e'er it be long, a wearisom Charge. Besides, there is no fitting Place  
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in the Library, to have Access unto them: so that all things considered, I could wish they were made away, and the Mony for which they may be sold, shall either in Books, or some other sort, be conferred on the Library. Howbeit, I shall request you, to confer therein with Mr. *Gent*, and to shew him this Letter, following his Advice for the Price, and in every thing else, which I know he will impart very willingly unto you. They cost me near 20 Pounds, in regard of the extraordinary Guilding and Limning that was bestowed upon them: But I must take what Men will give, and therein I pray you take the best Course, commending you the while, to God's special Tuition.

Dec. 14.

*Your very assured Friend*

Tho. Bodley.

CXXVI.

SIR,

I Pray you send me word, whether among *Albertus Magnus's* Works, you have his *Summa*: And whether in *Ocham's* you find his *Quodlibets*, and his Tract upon the Master of the Sentences. I have fundry things to impart besides, which are better done by word of Mouth at my coming to *Oxon*; which if God lend me Life and Health, shall be at the Act. Upon *Tuesday*, there dined with me here

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at *Fulham* the Archbishop of *Cant.* and the Bishop of *London*, and *Lichfield*: Where the Bishop of *Lichfeild*, Dr. *Abbot*, intreated the Archbishop and the other, to bestow a Prebend upon you, which he urged in your Behalf very friendly and kindly: Whereof you shall do well to take Notice, and to thank him accordingly, upon this Intilligence given by me. The Archbishop was very willing to hearken to it, and promised to do what in him lay, if any fell in his Gift, having only the Bestowing of 4 or 5 Prebends, as it seemed by his Speeches: but both he and the Bishop of *Lichfield* were earnest for you with the Bishop of *London*, who hath not so few as 30 Prebends in his Gift, and hath promised to remember you; whereof I will put him in Mind, as Occasion, shall be offered, again; having recommended your Estate to all their Cares, in this Parly with the best Words I could, which now I recommend to God's blessed Tuition.

Fulham,  
June 16.

Your affectionate Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

CXXVII.

SIR,

I Had very firm Promises from Sir Jo. Parker, but as I signified in a former, I have had no Performance; which is that  
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must serve the turn. And of such kind of People, you have met with many before. I hope, if other Business let me not, than I can yet imagine, to be with you in *Oxon*, some time the next Week.

Whereas you marvel, that the last Week you heard nothing from me, I know not, what Point of any Letter of yours, I left unanswered in my last; for I am somewhat curious in keeping good Correspondence; and otherwise, I had not any matter, that did require a Letter, for any occasion of mine own. For to trouble you farther, than needs I must; I am very unwilling.

How Sir *Henry Savil* and you have agreed upon your Poems, you signify nothing, which I did very much desire, that there might be no Rub, to stop the publishing of our Catalogue, in some good time before the Act; for which I know you will provide. Of the Remainder of those Books which I have here, and of which I sent you a Catalogue, upon my coming last from *Oxon*, I do find a great many missing on your Sheets, sent hither: As *Homo novus Othonis Casmanni*, 8o. *Da. Rungius de Norma & Jndice Controversiarum Religionis*, 8o. *Lenseus de Purgatorio*, and yet you put in *Hessel's de Eucharist*. Which is in the same Volume with *Lenseus*.



These I specify among many others, and yet have not made Tryal of a quarter of them; wherewith, I confess, I am somewhat troubled, that greater Care is not taken, in such a publick Action; and that the Library should be far better stored, than our own Catalogue shall report; which is also now remediless, and too much subject to Censures. It may be I shall be with you on *Tuesday* or *Wednesday*, if I be not hindred more than I can expect. *Interim Vale.*

May 25.

Your assured Friend

Tho. Bodley.

CXXVIII.

SIR,

I Cannot conjecture, by either of your Letters this Week, that my Vessels of Books are come to your Hands; albeit your Silence makes me think it, and that they are well arrived. It may be, e'er be long, I will to *Eaton* my self to see Sir *H. Savil*, and then will endeavour to get those *Windsor* Books, and if need shall so require, I will crave his Furtherance to that Purpose. I see, the Questions that you moved in your last unto me, cannot yet be resolved, through the Absence of the Alderman, who I think, is by this time returned to *Oxon*. The young *Landgrave* of *Hesse* is gone to see *Cambridge*, and comes to

to *Oxon* from thence: Where I make no doubt, but such Order will be taken, if Mr Vice-Chancellor get a-foot, which I wish from the Bottom of my Heart, as he shall take a great Liking of the University's Entertainment. There has not hitherto been any young Prince, more welcome to his Highness and the Court, nor carried himself with better Grace. This is all for the present.

Fulham,  
July 19.

*Yours very assuredly*

Tho. Bodley,

CXXIX.

SIR,

I Have sent you a dry Fat of Books, which will be at *Burcot*, upon *Munday* or *Tuesday* next at the furthest. I pray you confer with Mr. *Gent* and Mr. Principal, about their Conveyance from thence, and their Placing safely in the Library. I will write to the Vice-Chancellor about it, with Signification of all this Year's Benefactors: but for that I hear, he will be at *London* very shortly, it may be that my Letter shall be delivered there unto him, or else written to him or to his Deputy in his Absence, and delivered unto you to be delivered. It were well that you would set down D. *King's* Name, upon the Books, a Book that he hath given; which is the Course that I have ta-

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ken in all single Gift-Books, unless they were of special Value. Upon all other single Books I have done it my self. Mr. Clement Edmunds's *Cabala* in Hebrew, which I shewed you written in a great Parchment, tablewise, I could not pack up with my Books, without Danger of marring: For which I will send it you by the Carrier the next Week; till when I bid you very heartily adieu.

Fulham,  
Junij ultimo.

Your assured Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.

Since the writing of the former part of this Letter, I thought it best, to send the inclosed unto you, to be delivered to D. King, or in his Absence to his Substitute; for that if he chance to come hither, I know not how long he may remain. But yet, it doth not greatly import, whether it be read in Convocation, if there be any, before his Return, or kept for him, to do it at his Leisure: Which I do refer (and I pray you so signify) to his Deputy's Consideration. I pray you add in the Margin to Mr. Thomas Allen's former Gift, the Gift of his Greek MS. For though it were purloined from your College, we had not had it now but by his Gift.

SIR,

CXXX.

OF those Affairs of my new Building, I am advertised from Mr. *Brent* and Mr. *Gent*, to the same effect, as from your self; being glad that my Courses are so pleasing to the Delegates, as you and they have signified. The Books that you returned, are safely delivered. I am to let you Understand, that the *Venetian* Ambassador is to take his journey for *Oxon* to Morrow, and I think will be there on *Friday* Night. The chiefest cause of his going, is to see the Library, where if you shall think it good, and it stand with the liking of Mr. Vice-Chancellor (who shall be advertised of it from Sir *Dudley Carleton*) it will not do amiss, that you bid him welcome your self, with some commendious speech, when he cometh to the Library: Which I refer to your own discretion, and your Welfare and Health to God's long preservation.

Fulham,  
Aug. 22.

Your very assured Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

I pray you always, as any thing shall happen, about my new Building, worth the Writing or Admonishing, to signify the same; for that I am desirous, to do all in such sort, as near as I can, as my Doings may pass with little or no Exception.

CXXXI.



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**Y**OU need never make Doubt, but that your Letters come still, very safe to my Hands. For I cannot call to mind, that ever any miscarried. Howbeit my occasions are such, as I cannot always presently make an Answer unto you, by the self same Carrier; neither is it always Requisite.

You write in your last, that you had there, *Veræ Alchymia citra Ænigmata*, &c. and was one of the new Books; whereby I know not your meaning, whether the Book it self be there, or only the Title, among your Titles, taken in my Gallery. I cannot get in this Town, *Biblioth. Pat.* or *Tract. Doct.* which enforceth me to Write still, as I have done, about particular Authors.

The Note which you think you sent me, of double Books, was only of some few in Law, whereas I expected, that according to your Promise, I should have received out of Hand upon your Return, a general Note of all in every Faculty; the want whereof hath caused me to bind up many, with greater Cost, and Trouble to me, than needed at the first. Again to stay the Binding of my Books, till I had signified my Complements to you, and received

ceived your Answer, would have steaded me little; for that very seldom, before now very lately, you returned a full Answer to every point of my Letters; which caused me to lose much time in Writing double Letters of the same matters: Which had been all remedied, if as soon as you returned to *Oxon* from hence, I might have received a Note of those Books, which the Library had already.

I cannot remember, what number of Sheets you have had of my complements, for that I have set them down to my self in single pieces of Paper, and sent them to you in whole Sheets; which I hope you have safely kept. Otherwise all my Labour and Pains, which hath been very great, will prove to be frustrate all together; in so much, as it will be in vain, to send any more hereafter; because the loss of one Sheet, or half Sheet, is the marring of all.

I pray you signify whether you find it expedient, that I buy this new *Tho. a Kempis*, because, as I should imagine, the former may content us. Methinks *Vincen- tii Sermones Hyemales & Æst.* Should be in *Bibliotheca Patr.* if they be not, I will buy these, Num. 536.

Herewith I have sent you a Note of new Complements, which will serve to little purpose,



purpose, in case any of the former shall be Missing, so as you shall be forced to expect the coming of my Books, and then to take them as you were wont; in which respect I would willingly know, whether you be assured, that you have all my Sheets; if not, I would spare my Labour hereafter, in the Writing of such Notes. If need so require, I trust before Easter, to have all my Books ready, to be sent to *Oxon*, albeit I would rather put it off somewhat longer, for the increase of their Number. But I make account, that all shall be coupled, within these fifteen Days: intending still, to signify how they are coupled, as I have hitherto done, if you be assured, that nothing sent is lost. In the mean while, you shall have Leasure at will, to frame your Prefaces, and other Preambles to your full liking; to which I shall request you that I may be privy, before they be Published. And this is all for this time.

London, *Your affectionate Friend,*  
 Jan. 30. *Tho. Bodley.*  
*I would know what you have of Frischlinus*  
*in the Library.*

SIR,

CXXXII.

**I**F *Sr. Hales* will have me Write unto the Vice-Chancellor for his Dispensation, before I come my self, I will do it  
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very willingly ; otherwise I thought to do all by Word of Mouth. The Carpenters Work will not trouble the Library long, if they be dealt withal, by Mr. Principal, not to set up any thing, till all be fully framed. For I am utterly against any shutting of the Library, till Necessity enforce it. I had forgotten to move Mr. Principal, about some more Casements to the Library, which now I shall request you to do in my Behalf, in such Windows and Places as shall be thought fittest. I think the Carpenters can so provide, as their Work shall not stop, or any Way hinder the free Entrance into the Library. Commend me most heartily to your Brother and your self.

May 10.

Your faithful Friend

Tho. Bodley.

Since the writing of my Letter, I have requested Mr. Principal about the Casements.

CXXXIII.

SIR,

I Pray you look on *Julius Pollux* in Greek, whether *Stephanus de Urbibus* be not joyned with it.

Whether you have the 1 Tome of *Gru-terus* his *Fax Artium liberalium*. 8vo.

Whether you have *Scaynus in Arist. Organum*, 8vo.

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Whether you have *Mornay's Answer to D. Eurenx*, 4to.

Whether you have 1 To. *Fpitomes Baronij*, 4to.

Whether you have four Parts of *Tracognata* his History in *Ital.* 4to.

As I take it, you have *Aratus* with an old *Greek* Comment in *Greek*. I pray you signify the Commentator's Name, and the Place of the Print; or if neither be set down, let me know the first Words of the *Poem*.

Signify what part you have of *Jacomo Boris* his Hist. in *Ital. della militia*, &c. *Giovanni Giorosolymitano*, 4to.

Whether you have the 1. 2. and 3. Tome of *Henr. Canisius* his *Antiquæ Lectiones*, 4to.

I neither hear of Mr. Price, nor Mr. Chandler, nor from your self of those Matters in your last Conference, of which you promised then, and by your last unto me here, to write your Opinion.

London,  
Feb. 15.

Your assured ever  
Tho. Bodley.

Unless you cause D. Bond's Manuscript Psalter to be bound, and put in the Library, I will say the Fault is yours. For I know, he wants but a Remembrancer.

SIR, CXXXIV.

**Y**OUR Letter found me here at *Fulham*, where the Weather and Way doth keep me from *London*. But I have sent a Man of Purpose, to get your *Gretser* of *John Bill*, and to send it by this Carrier. It shall be for the Library, and therefore if you cause it to be bound in Past, I will pay for the Binding, and you may place it there, to serve both your private, and the publick turn. Of those Pamphlets left of *D. Raynolds's* Books, I think there are divers in the Library already; (as among others I remember I sent to the last Act, *Vita & Mors Juelli*) whereof I pray you consider, that we neither take the same that we had before, nor every Riff Raff, of which kind, I fear, you shall also see many.

As your Leisure, will permit, I pray you take a View of *Joseph's* Shop, and let me have a Note, as well of those Books, that you have taken already of him, as of those that now you may further chuse, with the Price of each Book; (which you must make with him, and not trust to his asking) and with the Title of each Book, to joyn the Year and the Place where it was printed, as we are accustomed: Because they must be set down, among



mong the Books of the next Act. If you cannot find the means, by some Tradesman there, to procure your Mony for this Quarter; ( which you must signify unto me ) I will hearken here after means, to convey it otherwise: And so I recommend your Welfare and Actions to God's special Direction and Custody.

Fulham,  
Dec. 17.

*Your assured Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

CXXXV.

S I R,

**I** Pray God *Jo. Bently* keep Touch, in amending the building; whereof I stand the more in doubt, for that I am informed, he maketh that which was naught, a great deal worse, with his very unrightly Daubing, which I trust Mr. *Brent* or Mr. *Gent* will cause him to forbear; or else I will forbear to him his Wages. *Jo. Acroide* hath bin too much to blame for his being away so long. As soon as I hear of his Return, I will make my self ready to come to you, if Weather and Way will give me Leave; and then we may confer about the placing of your MSS. There is no Question of my Lord of *London's* Advancement to the Archbishoprick, being fully past already: likewise it is certain that D. *King* shall succeed, albeit he himself had rather any other Bishoprick.

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Your Suit to my Lord of *Canterbury*, I may not, nor will not forget when I see him. My Lord of *Lincoln* is come up, as the common Bruit goeth, in hope of *London*: But undoubtedly too late, as will, I suppose, appear out of Hand. D. *King* will be with you, on *Thursday* come Sevenight: Which is presently all that I can signify. Fare you well.

*Your ever assured and faithful Friend,*  
March 6. *Tho. Bodley.*

CXXXVI.

SIR,

I Am always to intreat you, that in all your Answers to any of my Letters, and namely to the last two, that I wrote, you would answer Point by Point: For that otherwise I shall be forced, to iterate the same thing often, and to stay a great while unresolved.

I pray you consider, as touching the particular Treatises of *Tract. Doctor.* and other like, whether a Note to be made before your printed Catalogue, wherein the Reader may be warned, that he must search for such particular Treatises, in the great Volumes, will not serve the turn, without the printing of them apart For I find it will increase Charges, and prove cumbersome exceedingly, to run to the great Volumes, for every little *Tract*:

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That haply it were better to buy them twice, than endure that Trouble : besides that I think, that the greatest part of the lesser Treatises are already bought again. Hereof, and of my Doubts proposed in my former, I request your Opinion; beseeching God the mean while, to restore you to your Welfare, and to grant you good Success in all your Endeavours.

London,  
Dec. 28.

Your assured ever,

Tho. Bodley.

*I pray you advertise me when the Letter shall be sent to my Lord Cramborn, and if you can, a Copy thereof I would willingly see, and know to whom the Delivery shall be recommended.*

SIR,

CXXXVII.

THE Speech goeth here, that since St. Thomas's Eve, the Library-Door hath continued shut; which is highly disliked of all that understand it; but of no Man more, than of my self: Because many do imagine, that the Abuse is committed, with my Toleration. Whereupon they do descant, that whensoever God shall call call me, that whole Institution will quickly go to Wrack: Which undoubtedly will administer much Occasion of Repentance, among all sorts of Persons, that have been Contributors. In  
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which regard I cannot chuse, but request you for hereafter, to alter your Course, (which now I hear is too common) in taking that Liberty. For my Meaning was ever, and so it is, I am sure, of the whole University, that still there should be that Access, for Students, to that Place, as was formerly allowed by the ancient Statutes; which never permitted so large Vacations. And although in some Regards, they were held over strict; yet as near as is possible, they must needs be observed: Which I will always endeavour, and you will second me, I hope, as I shall always be

Fulham, *Your loving and very assured Friend,*  
Jan. 3. *Tho. Bodley.*

CXVIII.

SIR,

THIS Week I received no Letter of your's, and I think 'in my last, I imparted my Advice, touching all, or most of your former Doubts, Herewith I have sent you the Residue of the Catalogue of my Lord of *Southampton's* Books. There are wanting as yet, to the Value of ten Pounds, or thereabout, which I could make up with Books in 8vo; but the Number would grow too great: For which I will attend, till I meet with greater Volumes. By *Munday's* Carrier I sent

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you a little dry-fat of Books, which I hope you shall receive in good plight, and then be troubled no more, with new Books for a long time. My Lord Treasurer holds his purpose, to be at *Oxon* upon *Fryday* next, and, God willing, at the furthest, I will be there upon *Saturday* after. Howbeit I shall receive your Letters, if you chance, or have cause to Write any, upon *Tuesday* next and *Thursday*; for that I do not purpose to stir, 'till *Fryday* next. And so for this time adieu.

Your faithful Friend,

August 16.

Tho. Bodley.

*There are certain Books set down, to the Number of Seven or Eight, upon my Lord of Southampton's gift, which I have not yet sent, because they are not Bound.*

S I R.

CXXXIX.

I Am glad that your Catalogue is to go in Hand so speedily. Herewith I send you the Titles of the Books, which were left here behind. All in fol. are to be chained, excepting *Liber Alderatia MS.* which is in fol. but would be placed in the grated Desks. You may Shorten or Lengthen the Titles of the Books, as best will fit your Print. Some of them have no Year of the Lord, some no Note of the place

place of their Print, which I know you will set down accordingly. There are none of them in 40. to be chained. The Chain-Man shall be sure to hear of his Carelesness, which I doubt he will excuse (unless you took very good order for the delivery) with pretence that your Letters came not to him. But, however, I am glad that you have gotten a Workman to your liking. Commend me most heartily to your Brother and your self, for whom I will pray, that you may find no Wariness in your present Labour.

London,  
April 23.

*Your affectionate Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

*Such as are inclosed with a long line, are Bound in one Vol. If any faults escape young Hales without correction, I pray you cast an Eye unto them, that they may be reformed.*

CXL.

S I R,

I Did always make account, that after I had sent a Note of any Couplements, and had found by your answer, it came safely to your hands, I should not need any longer to keep a Copy thereof. For which I cannot now assure you, that your Copies sent to me, comprehend all the Notes that I sent to you. Besides, in divers of my Letters, I signified sundry

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Points, that concerned the Couplements, and were very Material, for you to look unto ; which I find by your letter, and your Schedules, are not orderly kept together. Whereupon I may conclude, that your Labour here in *London*, and mine ever since, hath been lost altogether ; because we shall but proceed upon Uncertainty and Confusion, which cannot but ingender many Errours in your Catalogue, that when they shall be notified, I shall hardly make Sale of our Printed Books. In which respect for both our Credits, and a fit satisfaction to the University ; I have so provided to set Binders a Work, that all my Books shall be Bound and sent to *Oxon*, before the Week after *Easter*: whereby you may have time to make a true and perfect Catalogue, and to Print it at good Leisure, before the Commencement. In the mean while, whatsoever shall belong to your Prefaces and Proems, I know you will set in so good a Readiness, as there may be no stop in that respect, for taking the Titles of my Books, as soon as they come. I have formerly Written in Three or Four Letters, to know whether you had there in the Library, *Vera Alchymia citra Ænigmata*, &c. because if you had it, I would not send it from hence. Still your Answer hath

hath been one, That you had it, and that it was here in my Gallery: which, you might well perceive, I knew before, because I sent you the Figure 2079: but whether it be there in the Library, I rest as doubtful as at First.

*From London.*      *Your always assured,*  
Feb. 15.      Tho. Bodley.

CXLI.

S I R,

**T**His week having had no Letter from you, I have nothing else to signify, but that by Water, and by Mr. *Munday's* means, I have sent a Pipe full of Books, which I stand in some doubt, for that the Waters now are low, you shall not receive these Ten Days. But when they come to your Hands, I would pray you to observe, at the opening of the Pipe, that the Chalked End is first to be opened; and that some Twenty Books, or more, of those which offer themselves at First, untill you come to a lay of Papers, are of the Remainder of the last Books, whose Titles you must reserve, for another Appendix hereafter. I have also some others, which I could not put into the Pipe, remaining of that Catalogue, which I sent you last, and purpose to Convey by the Common-Carrier, or otherwise unto you. Of which I make this precise men-

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tion, to the End, as Books shall come in, from this time forward, you may always keep a perfect Catalogue, for the next *Appendix* that shall be Printed. Which is as much, as I have at present to Write unto you: and so I commend you to God's special Protection.

*Your unfeigned Friend,*

June 21.

Tho. Bodley.

CXLII.

S I R,

**H**erewith you shall receive the Imperfections of *Tract. Doct.* which I think are as many as you have formerly signified. I pray you cause them to be put in as soon as you can, lest a leaf should be lost, which cannot after be recovered.

*Your affectionate Friend,*

March 7.

Tho. Bodley.

*Yet I cannot hear of Mr. Price, or Mr. Chandler. I have lost the Opportunity of Writing to Jo. Bill.*

CXLIII.

S I R,

**I** Would you could signifie unto me, where I may find Mr. Price, and Mr. Chandler. For here I purpose to be sometimes, though not very often, nor long together: neither would I be at all, but only to advance the good of the Library.

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If you direct your Letters to *Michael Kowen* the Clock-maker in *Little: St. Bartlemew's*, they will be safely, and speedily delivered. Which is all at this time.

From London,  
January 28.

*Your assured Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

CXLIV.

S I R,

According to the Ticket, which I sent you last Week, I have entreated *Sir H. Savil*, to impart unto you his best Advice, about the Preambles to your Catalogue: which he will do very willingly, if you please to go to him, at his coming to *Oxon*, some time the next Week, where he purposeth to stay, at the least Ten Days. I will buy out of Hand, the Common-Law Volumes, which will make, as it is told me, some Nine or Ten Volumes in fol. joining some Two together. The rest, excepting Four or Five in 4o. be 8o. Books of which many will be coupled, and then I think they will make some 14 Vol. more; so as in all, they haply will amount to some 24. Vol. Whether you will place them all together, or asunder, your self will consider. For mine own Part, I should think, that one Partition among the Law-Books, taking that one next above the Writing-Table, and another Answering to it, just under  
the



the Table, will serve the turn, for them, and somewhat to spare: But then the 80. Books must be chained, which I should not dislike. For considering the Nature of those Books, they may hardly be severed, as others in other Faculties. Which I leave to you to determine, and so bid you adieu.

London,  
May 3.

*Your very assured*

Tho. Bodley.

CXLV.

S I R,

**I** Pray you do not fail, to send me your *Index Alphabeticus*, as soon as it is Printed: and by the first the next Week, as much as shall be Printed. My leisure doth not serve to Write any more.  
*Vale.*

*Your affectionate Friend,*

June 7.

Tho. Bodley

CXLVI.

S I R,

**T**HE Publication of your Notes upon Greg. and your Treatise intended *De corruptis SS. Patrum* &c. are Matters of much Moment, highly tending to the Increasing or Abating of your Credit; as withal it will Touch, by means of your place, the whole University. For which I do not doubt, but you will look so advisedly, before you let your Labours leap,  
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into every Man's Hands, as there shall be no exception, to your Diligence and Care. Wherein I wish you that Success, as I wish to my self, in my chiefest Affairs.

In the Catalogue you sent, there are sundry Books, in my opinion, not worthy the Buying, for an University, and some, as I take, there already, or imperfectly set down, to be Bought. As *Jo. Capnion*, which was *R. Ruchlin*, there be of his Works, I am very well assured. That which is wanting would only have been Noted. Methinks there are some of your English Books, very hardly worth the buying. I think the chiefest of *Perkins* you have already, so as that which lacketh, would only be supplied. For to buy Men's Books again, as soon as they are Printed a Fresh, or altogether, were still to begin the Library again: Unless they should be some Principal Authors, and carry in Reprinting, some Addition of good moment. Divers of these that are Noted, I have already bought, and will send with my next. As touching Library-Statutes, and *Exeter-College* the Ground, when we meet, either here or at *Oxon*. No certainty yet of any Archbishop but I am in good hope it will light upon *London*. Vale.

January 30.

Your assured Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

CXLVII.



S I R, CXLVII.

**I** Suppose, God willing, to take that time that you set down, for my coming to *Oxon*, to Write about the middle, or the end, at the furthest, of the Week after this. Against which time I pray you be so ready, and confer so thoroughly with Mr. *Barns*, as I may not be forced, to stay over long. For if the Catalogue of your Books, be perfectly taken, I shall quickly Dispatch, whatsoever is else to be done at my coming. What you signify unto me of Sir *William Layton*, if Sir *Tho. Smith* can prevail, I hope it will be effected, and I thank you for the motion.

London, Your affectionate Friend,  
July 9. Tho. Bodley.

*I pray you have all your Hebrew and other Books in a readiness, whose Titles you find hard to set down: and then I trust between us, we shall dispatch it at my coming, both reasonably well and quickly. But if Joseph have not Hebrew Letters, it will be very requisite, that they should be provided. The inclosed I commend to your present Delivery.*

CXLVIII.

S I R,

**I**F there be any change in the State of my Body, it is rather for the better than

than the worse. But the Amendment is slender; albeit I am in hope, it will increase more and more: Which I do desire for nothing more, than that I might see, how my Works proceed: In so much as I think I shall resolve e'er be long, to adventure upon the Voyage, though I make it three Days Journey. For I find that my Presence, will be greatly requisite in many Respects. As touching the height of your Shelves above the Gallery, there can no Body better judge what is fit than your self. I pray you repair to Mr. *Gent* and Mr. *Brent*, and see what I have written of all my Affairs. For my Weakness will not let me, to enlarge, as I would to every one in particular. I pray you advise with my Friends, how far they think it meet, to set the Smith a Work, and I will intreat Mr. *Brent* to bargain for me. *Vale*

Fulham  
July 24.

*Your assured ever,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CXLIX.

SIR,

I Am well satisfied with your Answer, which I will impart unto others, as well as Mr. *Morton*, wishing you had not suffered an other kind of Impression to take Place in Men's Minds, before that so much had been signified, as now you shew by Letter, and Purpose, as it seemeth, to divulge



divulge hereafter; as well in Excuse of the *Basil* printed Copies, as touching all the other Prints, which you insinuate in your Letter. For I am half of Opinion, that some nimble witted Fellow, will shoot his Bolts against you, before that be performed, which now you have intended; which cannot for the time but sound very much to your Disadvantage, and should have been eschewed, in my simple Judgment, for the Credit of your Company, and the University. But howsoever, I am glad you can alledge so much good Matter for your self, wishing I could further your Intention herein, by any Endeavour in my Power: As the mean while, I thank you most heartily for this your large Answer to my Objections, which I shall long to see seconded, with that, which it seemeth, you mind to publish ere be long: Till when and ever I rest,

London,  
Dec. 28.

*Your most thorowly assured*

Tho. Bodley.

CL.

SIR,

**Y**OU have rightly conceived of my Disposition: For it doth me good to hear, of any Man's Approbation, of the Amendment of my Building: And above many others, Sir *Henry Savil's* is to me, as the Judgment of a Mason. If  
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my Workmen would consider, the due Payment that I make, methinks they would, or should endeavour, to yield me good Content. I do but attend my Mason's Return, and presently upon it I will be with you, God willing; unless the Sickness of my Wife ( who is much afflicted at this Instant ) should grow to Extremity. As touching your Mony, it shall still be ready for you, and paid as soon as you give Order: And so I leave you for the present.

London,  
March 22.

Your truly assured Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.

CLI.

SIR,

AS touching that Point of a second Keeper, I could discourse *in infinitum*, and still to that Purpose, as I have formerly written, replying to your Answers. And yet you make no Answer to that Question of mine, whether each of the Keepers shall *præstare Fidem* for his Fellow, if any Book be missing? For neither in that Case will acknowledge any Fault to be in himself. Your Allegation of Pains, in the Library-Business, is very apparent: And yet, as I perceive, it is thought to be the less, for that they see it proceedeth of your voluntary Seeking, to increase your Travel and Pains, by joyning your  
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self unto the Translators: Which you need not do, unless you sought it, and thereby do incur the Censure of others. It cannot be answered, that which I have alledged, that after this Year, it will be hard to bring into the Library, above two or three hundred Books a Year; which will not trouble a Keeper greatly: So as one may serve the turn. Moreover, you signify nothing to me, what you purpose to do, for an *Index* of Writers in *Law* and *Physick*. For if those be omitted, I could wish that the others had been likewise spared: Because I doubt it will be judged a Deformity in our doing. If so be you cannot frame an Epistle to your Mind, I should not hold it much material, to omit it altogether, and to publish the Catalogue with a Title Page only, annexing unto it, a brief Explication of such Abbreviations, as are used in your Catalogue.

Of my coming to *Oxon* I can signify no Certainty: But I would willingly see (whoever it should be, that shall correct the *Hebrew*-Titles) how he will do it first in writing, before their printing be attempted, least little be amended, and my Charge much augmented. And as concerning the Publishing (which so many Men desire) of the Catalogue printed, I have very great Reason to defer it.

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For upon a full View made by *Jo. Norton*, he hath gathered already, of Books there unmentioned, above 1800, which he hath sent unto my House, though I have not Leisure, to peruse them as yet. And what the Number will be further; what the Books out of *Spain*, from the Mart, and of my own Collection, before the next Act, you may somewhat conjecture. But though all those may come after, by way of *Appendix*; yet the very first Impression, that Men shall have upon the Sight of your Catalogue, will be it that shall give Credit or Discredit to the Library: Because the *Appendix* perhaps will either not be bought, or not perused after. The general Conceit, as well of other Nations, as of our own at home, of the Library-store, is so great, that they imagine in a manner, there is nothing wanting in it: Wherein when they find their Expectation greatly frustrate, I doubt the Credit of the Place will be hardly recovered, with many *Appendixes*. And hereof I pray you consider very thorowly. I am further to tell you from Mr. *Norton*, that there are many Books forgotten to be put in the Catalogue, which are in the Library, of which I willed him to send me some for Example, which I have here inclosed, and know most assuredly they are in the



Library. If your Brother be in *Oxon.* commend me heartily to him, and to your self very often.

London,  
Oct. 26.

*Your assured Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

SIR,

CLIII.

**A**S touching *Aristophanes*, I am fully satisfied. And for the Readiness of your Catalogue, my Meaning is, that you should cast exactly with your self (for no Man, I know, can do it better) what Number of Desks, may in Likelihood be fit, to serve the turn of every Faculty, and that no Author be omitted, where many are bound in one Volume together. Whereby I understand, that *Micropresbyt. Orthodoxograph. Tractatus Doctorum, Bibliotheca Patrum*, and such like, shall go but for one Title, it being known right well, to such as are acquainted with any of those Works, that they are full of little Tracts, of which I do not doubt, but the same may be bound apart again: Which may, in my Opinion, be very requisite, to be doubted. And touching your Question, whether *Law* or *Physick*, shall take the first Place; I do find it agreed on, by most Men, that Law in most Places has the Precedence, and as the Faculties are mentioned now in the Library, we have given it unto them: So as in my  
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Judgment, we shall do best, to pass it in Silence, without making any Question in any Company of it.

Among those Books, which I shall send unto you, before the Act, you shall find a Treatise of One, that hath handled the Question of Purpose, and concludeth for Law. And besides it may be said, that if we go from Divinity to the next in Circuit for the Library, *Art* may seem to follow next, and then *Physick* and *Law*. Howsoever I am utterly unwilling, that the Matter should be put to the Publick Question, sith now it is so quietly tolerated, as it is. And so for this time, adieu.

*Your ever alike and truly affected,*

April 18.

Tho. Bodley.

CLIV.

SIR,

**T**Here is no Man lother than my self, to bid farewell to an old Friend, and therefore your Desire in your Letter, I will yield unto most willingly, without any Repetition of that which is past. Herewith I send you D. *Airay's* Catalogue: And I have requested Mr. Principal, Mr. *Gent*, and Mr. *Allen*, to assist you in your Charge, leaving all that Business to your Dispositions: Wherein Mr. D. *Airay* has also promised, to impart unto you his best



Advice. Because I am at *Fulham*, and here your *Oxford*-Letters, come so late unto my Hands, as I can hardly write and send an Answer, to be returned to my Friends by the same Carrier, I am partly forced to be shorter than I would be: Besides the Occasions that I have, to write at this time to Mr. *Gent*, and Mr. Principal, with whom I pray you confer about a general Catalogue, to be taken exactly of all the Books in the Library: Whereof, I am informed, he hath cast his Plot already, how it may be very speedily and sufficiently contrived. And so I commend your Studies and Welfare to God's gracious Protection.

From *Fulham*,  
Dec. 8.

Your assured Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.

CLV.

S I R,

UNLESS some other Occasion be offered, it will not be needful, that you should purposely write to my Lord *Grace*, for the acknowledging his Favour, in his Speech to me. You may do it, in my Opinion, sufficient timely, when you come with that Present, which it seems you have intended. For I think the time of his Installation, which you term Consecration, will fall upon this Day three Weeks. Whether you write, or come  
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your self, assure your self of me, that as any Occasion is presented, I will ever do and say more, for the furthering of any thing, that you desire to have effected, with his Lp. or any whosoever besides, than I love to relate with Multitude of Words. I remember I bought for the Library Mr. *Cartwright* and D. *Whitgift* printed together in a small fol. but whether I sent you at any time Mr. *Cartwr.* Reply &c. alone in 4<sup>to</sup>, I cannot call to mind. For which, I pray you do it me, to wit, because it will be fit to be there, for good Respects : And herewith I leave you to God's gracious Custody.

London,  
March 19.

*Your thoroughly assured*  
Tho. Bodley.

CLVI.

SIR,

**C***ontextus Talmudicus* or the Epitome of the *Talmud*, is *Misna*, so intituled מִשְׁנָה, being in 2 Vol. fol. in the Library. The Reformation of your *Hebrew*-Titles will require, that I should see the Books themselves. For albeit I could correct at first Sight, a great Part, where but a Letter or two are amiss in a Word : Yet there are in divers Titles so many Letters changed, as I cannot conjecture what the Words should be. But hereof hereafter, when the Catalogue is printed. I have



not yet spoken to Mr. *Barker* for the *Hebrew-Letters*, because I stirred not from *Fulham*, since my coming from *Oxon*. But I will be with him some time this Week. Your last Week's printed Sheets were delivered, but this Week yielded none. I thank you for your News of my Lord of *Southampton's* good Intention, whereupon I will find means, to draw it to Effect, if so be there be no Change: And herewith I commend you to God's special Tuition.

Fulham,  
Sept. 25.

*Your true affected Friend,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CLVII.

S I R,

I Had no sooner written the inclosed, but I received yours of the 18. and when I shall have perused your Statutes, and other things which you note, which I have not yet received from Mr. Vice-Chancellor, I will write you my Opinion, with Thanks the mean Season, for your Care in my Behalf, in all those Affairs. How you may be spared out of the Library, for that Collation of the Fathers, which you have undertaken, I cannot readily tell; in Regard it is a Liberty, that must be used many Years, which will also divert your chief Cogitations, from intending the Good and Bettering of the Library :

brary : But if it could be practised, without any Loan of those Hours, I should be right glad ; being fully perswaded, that while your Function is performed, by a Deputy-Keeper, for so long a time together, it will prejudice exceedingly the State of the Library, and those that shall frequent it : Which no doubt will occasion a present Complaint, and therewithal will require a present Redress. And tho' the Work that you intend be much to be respected, and likewise furthered *Vix & Modis* ; yet if it cannot be followed, without Inconvenience to the Use of the Library, I shall never be won to allow of your Absence.

There is one *Thomas Cook* Under-Butler of *Magdalen-College*, that hath made Means unto me, for the Porter's Place, whom, I purpose to elect, and appoint to begin at *Michaelmas* next, hoping he will give you very good Contentation. According to your Letter, I have paid the Party in *Woodstreet* 9 Pounds, and sent you his Acquittance herewith, and therewithal my best Wishes to your Health and Welfare.

London,  
June 19.

*Your truly affected Friend,*  
Tho. Bodley.



S I R,

CLVIII.

**T**HE Mony due unto you was paid the last Week, as you may see by the inclosed: which I would then have signified, and also made Answer to your former Letters, but that my Weakness was such, since my Ague left me, as I found my self unfit for any kind of Business. Howbeit I thank God, I recover my self by little and little.

Your intended Work about the Fathers, shall want no help that I can yield: but yet it had been fit, that before your Departure from *London*, we might have had some Conference about it. For if you shall determine to Borrow those Hours from the Library, which are required there by Statute, it will neither be for the Dignity of the University, nor for the Credit of the Library, to be served by an Underling, specially for so long, as your Business shall require. And however at first in the Infancy of the Library, I have by way of Connivance spared a Book, for a very short space, to Sir *H. Savil*, who is like to become, a very great Benefactor to that place; it may not now by any means, the Statutes being made, be put in Practice any more, for him or any other, upon any occasion whatsoever. For it cannot  
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but seem absurd, and a very meer Mockery, that a careful provider for good Orders and Statutes, should become the First Breaker of the chiefest Constitutions. And though the Reasons may be weighty, that should move you to request it, yet the Reasons are weightier, that should cause the Denial. For still the like may be alledged, in all other Cases hereafter, to the abuse of all good Order, and total Ruine of the Library. For such kinds of Precedents, in mine own time in special, will be held for Authentical, and draw after many other very dangerous Inconveniences. For which I must intreat you, to consider of it better, and to continue your Business in such sort, as there need no Dispensation; which, if you had imparted these matters unto me, before your departure, (which I marvel you would not) we might perhaps by good Conference have Plotted well enough. For these Six Weeks, I have still kept my House, and neither seen the Lord of *Canterbury*, nor any other Friends abroad. Thus much at this time, with my special Commendations.

Fulham,  
March 30.

*Your very assured Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.



SIR,

CLIX.

**Y**Our Letter for your Mony was slowly delivered, and came as slowly to *Fulham* ; for some of the Letter-Porters, are too too careless of their Duties. You had otherwise had your Monies by the last. I will hereafter, if I can, seek how to find, one continual Tradesman, that will deliver your Mony every Quarter. But I should conjecture, that you have better means, to deal with some to that effect, in the Place where you are.

I pray, Sir, forget not to use the help of the *Jew*, if he may be won unto it, as by such means, as Mr. Principal shall find, I do not doubt, but he may, that the Titles of all your *Hebrew* Books may be aptly taken, and understood. If it would not grow to a Volume overgreat, either *Richardus Armachanus* might be Printed with that of *Wickliff* ; or otherwise good Notes inserted out of that Manuscript, which hath not only his Sermons, before the Pope in *Avenion*, but all his manner of Proceeding, with the *Mendicates*, by way of Process, which you have in the Library, in fol. But I do not doubt, but you will cast an Eye unto it, as I shall be glad of this your Work to be Published.

I pray Sir, if there be any Oaths set down, in either of the Proctors Books, that is to be Ministred, to all that give Voice in the Election of the Proctors, let me crave a Transcript of it, with your next Letter: For that I have occasion to make some use of it. And so I leave you, and commend you, with your present Endeavours, to God's special Direction.

Fulham,  
Dec. 22.

Your ever assured,

Tho. Bodley.

CLX.

SIR,

I Writ the Enclosed, the last Week, at *Fulham*, from whence, by my Servant's Negligence, it came so late to *London*, as the Carrier was gone, before his coming. In your *Hebrew* Titles, the like faults, and somewhat worse, have been committed, than in your former: Which cannot be corrected with a Pen, unless you will Correct every Word, and two or three Letters together in some Words: Which will be subject to great Reprehension. And I wonder how it falls out, that when you see the *Hebrew* Words, you should not compare letter with letter, being so few as they are, and by that means erre very little or nothing, You must needs tell Mr. *Barnes*, that unless he will make good Provision of fit Letters, both in *Heb.*  
and



and *Lat.* he shall have no reason to tie me to my Bargain.

I do miss in your Catalogue the 9. Tome of *Baronius*, which undoubtedly was Bought and sent. You may put on your Catalogue *Perkins's* Works, which I have put to Binding. Some of your Books are, methinks, displaced; as *Bertram's Hebrew Grammer*, which should not be in Divinity, nor *Althusii Politica* 80. I pray you send me Word, whether you have nothing of *Alb. Magnus* upon the *Evang.* but only in *Lucam.* And now I refer you for other things to the enclosed, with my heartiest Salutations to your Brother.

London,  
August 15.

Your ever assured,  
Tho. Bodley.

CLXI.

S I R,

**M**Y leasure doth not serve to Write at this present, so large an Answer, as I would: But I mind to be with you ere be long, and then of all things at length. The mean while I will Enquire to Day for some Barge-Man, going to *Burcot*, by whom I will send my Books: And either be with you about the time of their Arrival, or presently after. By your Saturday's Carrier, you shall hear again from me.

Fulham,  
April 3.

Your assured Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.  
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*If you desire a Colleague, it must be thought upon before, how far his Charge shall extend, and what he shall be allowed, for his Travel, besides sundry other Points. If we shall be to seek for a Preface to your Catalogue, when it is to be Published, our Proceeding, will be Noted of great imperfection: For which it must be performed by your self or some other.*

CLXII.

S I R,

**M**Y Busineses are many ways so many, as unless the matter it self, whereof you Write, require a present Answer, as your last unto me did not, I do willingly defer it.

I do again cause the King to be moved to some purposes, about his Books, and I expect every day his final Answer: untill when I can say nothing, to that which you know depends thereupon. I purpose, God willing, to send you a Dry-fat of Books, some time the next week, and likewise the Catalogue of Books of this Year's Benefactors. I thank you heartily for your *Wickliffe*, which my leisure doth not serve to Read over as yet: Nor you, I trust, have no urgent occasion to use it.

Here Inclosed, I send you a Bill, to receive for your self, and your underlings,  
this



this Quarter's Rent. I pray you commend me most heartily to Mr. *Hales*, and intreat him from me, that I may use his Help, as heretofore, for the Registring of this Year's Gifts to the Library; in which Regard, he shall not find me unmindful nor ungrateful for his Pains; for which I am already indebted unto him, since he finished the Catalogue of the Lord of *Southampton*. Thus for this time I bid you heartily adieu.

London,  
June 25.

*Your ever assured*

Tho. Bodley.

CLXIII.

SIR,

I Have sent Mr. *Gent* your former Letter, to the end you may review it, and thereupon consider upon the cause of my Complaint. The very same thing that you desire, that it should be imputed for an Honour unto me, that I have given as much Furtherance to your Work, as may conveniently stand with the good Estate of the Library, to have laid your Plot in such wise, as both you may be able to execute your Office, and yet withal undergo the Burden of a Work of so singular Moment; which I know no Reason but you may, if you would be as careful for providing for the good Estate and Benefit of the Library, as your Mind is wholly bent  
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to the advancing that Work. For sith it is so, as I understand by Mr. Vice-Chancellor, that there are but four Hours a day assigned for your Collation of the Fathers, and but six more required for your Presence in the Library, I cannot any way conceive, why you should not be able to contrive your Business so, as both turns may be served, without giving any Place to so gross an Absurdity, as the infringing of the University-Statutes, so needfully and newly devised and confirmed. But hereof, when I come to confer at *Oxon* with you: Which I purpose, God willing, about the 1<sup>st</sup> of *August*, to the full Satisfaction of your self, and of your Comfort, without any Impeachment to your intended Collation. That there should be such Defects in that Book of Statutes, as you have given out, I can hardly believe; and either you are not excusable for that you did not impart them to the Delegates, or they were inconsiderate to let such Imperfections pass without Amendment. And yet it is not overlate to resume the Book again, and to reform what is amiss. You write me not Word of the Books sent to *Burcot*, nor whether Mr. *Hales* be come to you, nor any thing pertinent to the Library-Affairs, which I see for Example is a part of that Fruit which your  
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other Businesſes will produce to the Prejudice of the Library. Which I leave till we meet to your Redreſs, and your ſelf and your Actions to God's gracious Conduct.

Fulham,  
July 5.

*Your aſſured Friend,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CLXIV.

SIR,

I Have obtained my Suit at the Stationer's Hands, and have ſent their Grant ſealed to Mr. Vice-Chancellor; who will publiſh the ſame in your next Convocation: And therewithal the late Gift of my Lord of *London*, who hath delivered unto me 50 *l.* to be beſtowed in Books upon the Library. Likewise my Brother *Laurence* one of the Canons of *Exon*, hath newly added 20 *l.* to his former Gifts to the Library. How much it was that he gave before, (for as far as I remember he contributed twice) I do not yet call to mind: But I pray you ſeek it in the Register, and let it be known to Mr. Vice-Chancellor, to whom being here I could ſignify no Certainty. Wherewith in ſome haſt I bid you farewel.

London,  
Feb. 16.

*Your ever aſſured,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CXLV.

CLXIV.

SIR,

**P***rimo aspectu*, and in general, I do very well like the Sheets that you have sent: Albeit I doubt they will prove, so obscure to Strangers, as it will hinder their Sale. You have almost failed, in every one of your *Hebrew*-Books, which were printed with *Hebrew*-Letters. P. 14. in the 1st *Hebrew*-Word, and 2d Letter, for *Vau* you must put *Zain*. In the next Line 2d Word, and 4th Letter, you have *Zain* for *Vau*. P. 20, I doubt the last Word of the 3 be amiss; Since I understand it not, P. 27, the 2d Word hath ך for כ, and the 3d Word hath *Tau* for *He*, in the 3d Letter; and in the last, *Mem* should be final. P. 27, the 2d Letter of the first Word should be *Tau* and not *Cheth*. These Faults must needs be excused with a Title of *Errata* at the end. Withal I would intreat you by any means, to use the Help of some skillful Person in correcting the *Hebrew*, least it should disgrace your whole Book.

If *Perkins* be gone, I must buy him again. For I bought him and bound him, as is to be seen upon *Jo. Bill's* Shop-Book: That I cannot imagine, how it should be now missing.

The Bishop of *Winton*, did promise me one of his Books in printing, for which

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I thought it good, to put it in with the rest of his Gift, although it were not yet delivered.

My Corrector of the Register-Print, hath failed in some Places: but for those Faults, which you set down, they were made by the Compositor's Negligence, who did not amend his Press after it was corrected. I pray you continue the weekly sending of your Print, and commend me to your Brother.

London,  
Aug. 8,

*Your affectionate ever,*

Tho. Bodley.

*To your Hebrew-Books you do not tell whether they be in fol. or 4to, &c.*

CLXV.

S I R,

**I** Have sent my Books to *Burcot*, by one *Transome* a Barge-man, who makes account to be there on *Thursday*. They are Inclosed in a Pipe, and a Hogshead: And a few I send you by this Carrier *Guy*, having paid for their Carriage. But the Portage of those by Barge, I have not Discharged, being Six Shillings, which I pray you disburse; as likewise, for their conveyance to *Oxon*, and I will Reimburse it, upon notice of your Sum.

I would intreat you in any case, to be careful, in Appointing your Scholars, that shall take the Books out of their Fats, and transport

transport them to the Library, that none be Embezled, whereto they may haply be soon intreated, by reason of the fine Binding, of some little Volumes.

Herewithal I have sent you the chief Benefactors Names, and Books, beginning with the Remainder of Dean *Wood's* Books. I would only request you to please Mr. *Townly*, before my Brother; because I have not yet found so many Books, as to make up the Sum that he hath given.

The Names of this Year's Benefactors, I will deliver here to Mr. Vice-Chancellor, to be Published at his return. I long to understand what Course you will take in registering the Books, which is all at this present.

London,  
July 3.

Your assured,  
Tho. Bodley.

CLXVI.

S I R,

**H**Erewith you shall receive Mr. *Waterson's* Note, whereupon I do not doubt, but *Crosley* will discharge it. After *Fryday* next I will hearken after a Barge-man: But whether *Hales* be recovered of his late Feaver, I know not. In case he shall not be able to come unto you, I pray you think upon some other. Methinks, *Edward Andrew*, whose Epistle unto me, I send here Inclosed, doth

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Write a good Hand, Although to my seeming, it is nothing speedy. If no better can be gotten, and *Hales* be unable, rather than fail, I think his Hand will serve our turn, as I make no doubt but he may be intreated. Wherewith I bid you adieu.

London,  
June, 26.

*Your very assured,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CLXVII.

SIR,

**W**Hether a half Paste will be requisite, I must Intreat you, and the rest of my Friends, to consult upon it. It will be correspondent to the other, in the Old, and in my Opinion slightly: And if it lessen the Height, it will be but Five or Six Inches, with the most, which I hope will not prove so much Inconvenient. As Touching the Jutty, on each side of the Arch, I must likewise Refer it to you there in Place, I mean Mr. *Hawly*, Mr. *Brent*, Mr. *Gent*, and your self. I did never Appoint it for the smaller used Books, but for the bigger sort in 4o. such as were to be Chained: which I did then Imagine, might there be placed on Shelves, in a level with the rest. And if Books in fol. cannot well be placed there, I see not but Globes will fit it worse a great deal: And as for Maps, unless we had of the

the best, for every Country, our loss would be greater, of so much Room for Books, than the Benefit would prove of Four or Five Maps. But for ought I can Conjecture, no present Resolution will be greatly needful: And when the time of the Year will serve the Turn, that I may come myself to Advise upon it, I hope I shall quickly resolve for the best. Moreover my Timber and Boards, are not sufficiently seasoned, for the Carpenters to Work on: And therefore I see not wherein they may be Employed, 'till after *March*; Unless I would be willful, when I see, before-hand, that I shall but repent me. Somewhat they may do, in regaling and placing the Borders before-hand, whereby they will the better and sooner be seasoned: Which I trust they do purpose. If the Painter were there I think he might begin, albeit I stand in fear, it will be with the soonest. Howbeit you shall do well, to procure his Return, wheresoever he Work. I see the keeping clean the Vaulted Walk, will require some allowance, to the Porter, or the Clark: For which I am willing to take the better Order.

I can see no good Reason, to alter my Opinion, for excluding such Books, as *Almanacks*, *Plays*, and an infinite Number, that are daily Printed, of very un-



worthy matters; and handling, such, as methinks, both the Keeper and Under-keeper should Disdain to seek out, to deliver to any Man. Haply some Plays may be worthy the Keeping: But hardly one in Forty. For it is not alike in *English* Plays, and others of other Nations: Because they are most esteemed, for Learning the Languages, and many of them compiled, by Men of great Fame, for Wisdom and Learning: Which is seldom or never here among us. Were it so again, that some little profit might be reaped (which God knows is very little) out of some of our Play-Books, the benefit thereof, will nothing near Countervail, the harm that the Scandal will bring upon the Library, when it shall be given out, that we stuff'd it full of Baggage Books. And though they should be but a few, as they would be very many, if your Course should take Place, yet the having of those few (such is the Nature of malicious Reports) Would be mightily multiplyed, by such as purpose to speak in Disgrace of the Library. This is my Opinion, wherein if I erre, I think I shall erre with infinite others: and the more I think upon it, the more it doth distaste me, that such kind of Books, should be vouchsafed a room, in so Noble a Library. And thus  
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at this time, with my kindest Commendations,

London,  
June 15.

*Your very assured Friend,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CLXVIII.

SIR,

I Have paid your Sum, and Inclosed herein, the Partie's acquittance. What Window it was, that you caused to be Pointed, you do not Write. If it were either Mason's Work, or Glasier's, it was to be done by them, and at their Charge: Which I had Procured, had you given me Notice beforehand. Some time in Easter-Week, I purpose, God willing, to see you in Oxon, with Sir Jo. Benet in Company, and then we shall confer, of all our Affairs, having many else to Impart unto you, and bidding you presently most heartily farewell.

London,  
April 3.

*Your truly assured,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CLXIX.

SIR,

I Have sent you Mr. Pindar's Books in a Budget. I pray you place them presently in the Library. They are consigned to you, and their Carriage paid for. If any Man shall attempt to Borrow them, or any of them, of you, (as I doubt you will be moved by some great Person) in

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any case, alledge the Statute of the Library, and let none of them part out of your Hands. I must also request you, that you will use your best Diligence, to hunt out those Thieves of my Clapboards, which might as well in time devise to find means to rob the Library. I have no leisure for the present, to Write more at large, having otherwise a desire to Write to Mr. *Brent*, to whom I pray you signifie, that I have received his Letter, and will return him an Answer on *Friday*. *Vale*.

London,  
Dec. 4.

*Your very loving,*

Tho. Bodley.

SIR,

CLXX.

THE good proceeding of my Building, is the best kind of Musick, that I desire to hear: for which you must think, that I read your Letters thereof, most willingly, and thankfully. In the mean time, when I shall be advertised, what time will be fittest, for my Repair unto you, I will dispose my Business for it, but not willingly before, it shall be very needful: And then I think best, to consider together about the Choice of a Plummer, having no occasion, to dislike of that Party, that you Named in your last: And then in like manner of sundry other Businesses. *Vale*. *Your very assured Friend*,

London, May, 10.

Tho. Bodley.

CLXXI.

CLXXI.

S I R,

**A**S soon as you can with good Convenience, I pray you put on your Boots, and come to me to *London*, or *Fulham*: And then you shall find by proof in your self, that though your Attendance hath been long, and your Patience great, yet in Space cometh Grace, and all your Tolerance in the end, will be Richly requited. For I am greatly deceived, if *Possevin* your opposite, every thing respected, be fitted so well, for the State of his Living, as you are like to be, God willing. But until you come unto me, I will tell you no more, lest you surfeit with joy. Find no fault with my Shortness, while you find it so sweet ——— Written with the Privy and Pleasure of my Lord of *Canterbury*, to whom you owe more, than to all the Friends you have alive.

Fulham,  
Oct. 25.

Your ever assured,  
Tho. Bodley.

CLXXII.

S I R,

**W**ith my last Books the last Act, I sent D. *Morton's Catholick Appeal*, being fair bound for the Library. I wonder how it can be missing, as it seemeth it is by Mr. *Price's* Note unto me. You have



have also there, as I take it, his Preamble to his Encounter, and *Nilus de Primatu Papæ*, which it seemeth is unknown to Mr. Price. Such little Books, when divers of them are bound in a Volume together, may soon be overslipped, if good heed be not taken, in the making of your Catalogue. There is further noted *Ludovicus de Vita Christi*, to be wanting. I think you mean *Ludolphus*, and then I am much deceived, but you have one or two Copies. If any special Books more come to your Mind, I pray you send me their Titles, and if they be to be had this Mart, there shall be order given for the buying. *Vale.*

Feb. 1.

Your assured,  
Tho. Bodley.

CLXXIII.

SIR,

**Y**OU know very well, that Sir *H. Savil*, for the Rarity of those Books, that he hath in part conferred already, and doth purpose hereafter, to confer in greater Measure, upon the publick Library of the University, is like to prove without Exception, the greatest Benefactor, of all that have hitherto contributed to it : In which respect, and for that as yet your Library-Statutes are not fully confirmed, I pray you deliver to such as shall  
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come with sufficient Warranty from him, those three Volumes, of which his Letter maketh mention: Which I send with this Letter unto you, to be reserved in your Hands, till the Books be restored. But in any case be careful, that it be not made known to any other whosoever, your under Keeper excepted, for the better preventing all other like Suits; to which you know I never did, nor will at any time yield in any regard, but only to Sir Henry. Wherewith I bid you for the present very heartily adieu.

London,  
Jan. 16.

*Your assured Friend,*

Tho. Bodley,

CLXXIV.

SIR,

**H**ere inclosed I send you, for Sir Hales, my Lord Paget's Gift to the Library. I pray you commend me very heartily to him, and request him from me, that he would make his Letters somewhat fuller, for their better Continuance: And the Inscriptions to every Man's Gift, would have in my Opinion, somewhat a bigger Hand. Your self must remember to write their Names upon their own Books, which have only given one or two Books, and are not set down upon the Register. Your Brother and I will confer about your Speech to the King, and then you shall know



know my Opinion thereof. As yet I have not seen him; likewise there is time yet enough, to think upon the Globes, and all that pertaineth to the trimming of the Library. Either I will be with you, or write my Mind in good Season. I have already set down a good Quantity of Books for my Lord of *Southampton*, and am in hope before the time to furnish out the rest. *Vale.*

London,  
July 24.

Your very assured,  
Tho. Bodley.

CLXXV.

S I R,

**I**N my last the last Week I requested your Answer, as touching certain Books, whether you had them or not, which I expected by this Carrier; but having heard nothing from you, I must entreat you again, to send me your Answer, and to do the like hereafter, in all such Occasions: For that your deferring, or not answering directly, may put me to the Trouble of iterating my Letters, and many times hinder the present Good of the Library. I pray you signify unto me, whether you have not a part of *Bertachine's Repertorium* among the Earl of *Essex* and *Cale's* Books, and which part it is. You have a *Greek-Comment* upon *Aratus* fol. whereof I pray you send the Commentator's

mentator's Name, or the first Words of the Poem. I must likewise request you once again, to send me the true Words of the Incorporation of the University, wherein you may not fail, in regard of the Annuity which I am now in Hand to convey, with the King's License, to the University. And I would desire to have it speedily. I do not find upon your Catalogues *Borghini 4to.* of the State of *Florence*, nor a Book of Prayers in *Hebrew*, 8vo. *ad usum Judæorum Poloniae*, which Title is in *Hebrew*, and not in *Latin*, wherewith adieu.

Feb. 23.

Your assured ever,  
Tho. Bodley.

CLXXVI.

SIR,

I Pray you send me Word by your next *Munday-Carrier*, how many Foot you find between the Wall, as you enter into the Divinity-School, just by the Door, and the Wall without next the Grate: Likewise between the side-Wall of the School, and the Wall that doth compass the School, next to the Town-Wall. Take your measure from the Wall of the School, and not from the Butteresses. I pray you likewise in your next to send me Word, what Quantity of Chains were brought or sent by the Smith to the Act, and whether he were paid for them: And  
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who disbursed any thing for Clips or Wire. Where you write in your last, that Order was taken for a Letter unto me from the University, in Answer of that which I sent to the Act, I have neither seen, nor heard of any yet. As touching the gaining of more Room, for the placing of your Books, you shall know my Opinion ere be long, as likewise of the change of the Tables and Catalogues that hang at the Heads of the Desks. In the Mean I salute you most heartily.

Fulham;  
Aug. 23.

*Your very assured*

Tho. Bodley.

CLXXVII.

S I R,

**I** Will send a Man to *London*, to deliver his Letter to the Carrier, and to inclose a Ticket to *Munday*, for the Payment of so much as is due unto you: For my Servant shall pay it, to some one of his Factors, if any will receive it, and inclose his Bill, within this Letter. Sir *Tho. Knevet* and Sir *Peter Young* have dealt very much underhand, to stop the King's Grant of his Books: Wherein I know not as yet how well I shall speed: But two Days past I wrote a Letter to be shewed to the King himself: whereupon I shall know whereto I may trust: And if I may not enjoy that Gift of his Manuscripts, I doubt

doubt I shall not undertake that Collation of the Fathers. For I am perswaded, our Variety of Copies is not such, as we shall be able to make so worthy a Work, as were fit to be published from such a Place. But upon his Highness's Answer, you shall hear my Opinion more exactly. The mean while, I bid you most heartily welcome home.

Fulham,  
Oct. 20.

*Your assured faithful Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

CLXXVIII.

S I R,

**O**F my Velam-Books in leather, you shall either this Week or the next, receive a perfect Catalogue; for that they are all in a manner bound already.

I leave it to your self, to do as you think best, for printing your Authors in *Bibliotheca Patrum*, and the rest of that Nature: For which I shall request you, to proceed with some Advice of your Brother and others. For the matter of Charge, shall not stay me from taking the best Resolution.

I would you had signified, which Figures of mine are like to others: For that to my seeming they are greatly different.

Your Note of such Books, as you doubted of, I have not yet received, which  
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hath caused me, I fear, to buy and bind some again, that were in the Library formerly.

I will not say, but that I may mistake in giving wrong Numbers to some Authors. But I have been very careful, not to erre, in that respect, that if you were here to confer mine with your's, you might haply find, That your's there, and these here, are not set down alike. I cannot now confer your Numbers, now sent, with the Books themselves; for that according to their Couplements sent unto you, they are already bound, and the Figures clean cut off, being signed, as you know, in the Edge of the Title-Page. Howbeit I hope you will take Order, that it shall be no stop to the printing of your Catalogue. For if that cannot be, you must needs make a Stay till my Books be sent unto you. I pray you look whether *Aristides* be not one of the *Greek-Orators*, which I think you have all in one Volume. *Veræ Alchymie citra Ænigmata*, &c. your self noted in my great Chamber with these Figures 2079. There are divers Authors joyned of *Alchymie*, printed at Bas. 1561, fol. You note *Fr. Rota de Tormentarijs Vulneribus* with 760. The same Book being with another Author, for which it is rejected. I cannot signify  
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with what Author, because the most of these Couplements, which I have sent unto you, are already bound, and 200 more at the least are now a binding: which is also the Cause, that I cannot justify my Figures to agree with yours, sith my Books are cut. 1698 is noted *de la Camera*, of which the whole Title is *Mart. de la Camera Questionarium Locorum difficil. S. Scripturæ. 4to. Compl. 1587. 1263.* I signified, it seemeth, by *Sonato Pæia*, though *Erythræus* were the Author: For you desired, with the Figures, to have any one special Note of the Author's Name, or otherwise, whereby it might be known. For *Jo. Yanez Parladorius*, you have taken *Jo. Parladorius*, which, I think, is the better Title.

While I call it to mind, where I coupled in my Notes, you received *Linus in Instituta*, *Julius Capra in 41 Lib. Digest.* and thirdly *Calæfacus*, by my Binder they are thus placed *Calæfacus, Julius Capra, Linus*: Whereof I thought fit to give you Notice, because the first Book is altered by him.

1683 *Resende* which you say is there, and hath no Author, I do refuse here; for that yours is the same, and has the Author's Name, as I should conjecture, for that it was printed the same Year as



mine. I think you shall find *Feyta per Garcia de Resende* in the Title. I pray you cross it out of your Note. In one of my Notes sent unto you, I have joyned *Sal. Gesnerus in Oseam, & de Passione Domini* in one Vol. 178 and 180: Which I pray you strike out, the one being in 8vo. the other in 12<sup>o</sup>: They shall hereafter be otherwise placed.

I cannot possibly see, how you can go in Hand with the Press, before you have gotten from me all my Couplements, of all my Books: Which will be impossible for me to do this Month. Howbeit I lose no time, where my Business will permit, that I may intend it. I shall request you to signify, whether any of these be in *Bibliotheca Patrum, Zmaragdus, Zacharias Chrysopolitanus, Aurelius Prudentius, Divus Eulogius*, and what Author is joyned with *Honcala in Genes*.

I should have sent this Letter on *Wednesday* last, but that I was too much interrupted that Morning. But now in your Answer hereunto, I would intreat you, that I may receive it to every Particular, and therewith commend you to the Almighty's Protection.

London,  
Jan. 18.

Your affectionate Friend  
Tho. Bodley.

*I would not willingly buy any of those Treatises again, that are in Tract. Doct. or Bibliotheca Patrum, &c. But because I want their Indexes here, I shall not know what Author to refuse, unless that your self out of your Catalogue, which you lastly took here, have taken since a Note of such, which then it were requisite I should have. As now for Example, here is Tractatus de Nuptijs of divers Authors; Tractatus de Missione in Possessionem of divers, and so many others, which I stand doubtful whether I shall buy.*

SIR, CLXXX.

**I** Understood before, by Word of Mouth from Mr. Gent, as now, I thank you, by Letter from your self, that my Library-Works go happily forward: Which is one of my greatest worldly Cares. My Mason for his Monies, hath bin hitherto supplied, upon the Sight of any Letter sent from Mr. Brent (as namely the very last Week) who I hope will continue his friendly Care, to advertise whensoever he shall stand in any want, as I have been and am ready to see him furnished presently. To that which you signify of the Door to be made towards Exeter-College, as when I was in Oxon I was utterly against it, so I see no Reason as yet to al-



ter my mind. For fith they have another Door at the West End of the Library, I must repute it in truth an exorbitant Request, to desire another in that place, which will be full of Inconvenience, for many respects. And so much I have praied Mr. *Gent* to make known: holding it sufficient that my Mason make his Passage in the wall towards *Brasen-nose*. I thank you heartily for *Josippo*, and for all your other special Cares, as well in advertising what passeth in my Works, as in advising for the best; wherein I would intreat you, as Occasion shall be offered, to impart your Mind in like manner, to Mr. *Gent*, and Mr. *Brent*: And so for the present I commend you to God.

Fulham,  
Sept. 7.

Your ever assured,  
Tho. Bodley.

## CLXXXI

S I R,

YOur Letter of the 22 of *October*, together with your Books, I received this Morning, from *Waterfon*: For which I thank you very much. I wished upon it, that we could have conferred, for one quarter of an Hour: For that I know not what to Answer, if I should be Demanded, why those Corruptions should be termed

termed *Romanæ*; sith the *Basil* Printed Copies, (to which we do betake us) are both the Ancienter, and offend as the *Roman* altogether. Again, methinks you should have produced some Two or Three Examples, to shew that some of those Corruptions, are in Points of Moment, or in Matter of Controversy: Which is only averred, and not confirmed. For there may be in single words, being Nakedly set down, a great Contradiction: When haply the Sence will prove the self same, or little Dissenting, upon the Reading of the Sentence. Whereupon to tell you my present Opinion, (for I doubt not of your construing my good meaning to the best) I am half perswaded, that this so little fore-running proof of your greater Work to come, being barely thus divulged, in manner as it is, as if it were the Doing of Twelve special Divines, will hardly be Esteemed, in the Opinion of the Learned, *Operæ pretium*. God grant it may fall out, as your promise doth import: And take in good part, my imparting to you, what now at the First, and upon the present, doth offer it self to my Conceit. For of this assure your self, that until such time, as you shall make it appear, by such Examples as I have formerly required, this that you have



performed, will not be reputed for any special Validity. *Vale.*

London,  
Oct. 30.

*Your very assured,*

Tho. Bodley.

CLXXXII.

S I R,

I Both spake at my being in *Oxon*, and have Written also now, unto Mr. Principal, about the Casements, whom I pray you solicit in that Behalf. Withal I would intreat you, to send me the Names of those Benefactors, that Sir *Hales* has registred: for that I am hardly perswaded, that D. *Martin* is left out, his Name, and his Books being set down here upon my Catalogue, out of which that Copy, which Sir *Hales* used, was Transcribed by my Man: And as far as I remember, you shall find a void space for his Christen Name, because I knew it not. If he should be omitted, upon Notice thereof by your next, you shall receive the List of his Books.

I pray you let me know by your next, whether you have not *Chronologia di Girolamo Bardo*, *Fo.* which I cannot find upon your Printed Catalogue, and yet methinks you should have it.

The Bearer hereof, is the Son of *Drusus* the Hebrician of *Friseland*. He proposeth a while to sojourn in *Oxon*,  
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and withal upon liking, to teach either privately or publickly (as he shall be set a Work) the *Hebrew* Tongue, wherein, as likewise in the *Chaldy*, and *Syriack*, his skill is extraordinary, and likewise in *Greek*. I have promised to recommend him unto you, for his access unto the Library. In which regard I would request you to deal in my Name, with Mr. Vice-Chancellor, that he may be there admitted after a while. His desire is to common in *Glacester-Hall*, for which I recommend him unto Mr. Principal. He will be able to stead you, about the Titles of your *Hebrew* Books, to your full Satisfaction. I pray you use him with all kindness for my sake. Among your *Errata*, you must note that *L.* is put before *K.* in the *Appendix* of your Law Books.

*Your faithful Friend,*

June 5.

Tho. Bodley.

CLXXXIII.

SIR,

I Did not take so great a pleasure, to hear that my Workman had found out a Bottom, where he found the first hole, as it grieveth me again, that he should be troubled with a second, and what others may follow, it may be doubted very much. But however, we must go through with it now, and take this



hard Beginning, for a sign of Success, that will fall out more pleasing. The mean while, I shall request you as occasion is offered, to let me know from time to time, how my Workman doth proceed, and what you think upon besides, whereof it may be needful for me to take notice. I would also pray you at your leisure, to send me by the Carrier those 2 Volumes of *Piscator* his *Dutch Bible*, that I sent you last, having here the Third. For I remember you told me, that you had that Bible before. They would be packed up in paper, and so delivered to the Carrier for their cleaner Carriage, to the end *Jo. Bill* may take them again. I would lastly intreat you to advertise, what course hath been taken, about the review of the Library-Statutes, and to commend me most kindly unto your self.

London,  
Aug. 15.

Your faithful Friend

Tho. Bodley.

CLXXXIV.

SIR,

THE want of my health, as I was wont to have it, hath put me clean out of course, both of Writing to my Friends, and giving order in those Works, that pertain to the Library. But you, I hope, and the rest, upon whom I do rely, will supply my defect, and call up-  
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on my joiners, that all things may be done, both speedily, and gracefully, as my Payment unto them doth well deserve. I am sorry for *Bennet*, whose Skill I shall want in many respects: But yet my trust is in *Bolten*, that he will make it good, bearing, as he doth, so good a report, of sufficiency in his joinery. I pray you send me word, how soon you think it will be, before they finish all, to the end, I may take order with the Painter, to begin. I must also intreat you, to remember me most kindly to Mr. Vice-Chancellor, and to learn of him, whether D. *Williams* hath performed as much, as was required, by my Lord Chancellor.

I shall think it long till your Work against the Jesuits come abroad to be Read, and you cannot send it me so soon, as it shall be very welcome; as being well compiled, (whereof I have no doubt) you may rest well assured, it will prove very saleable, both in *English* and *Latin*. How I stand for my health, this Bearer can tell you, to whom I am highly beholding. I can hardly affirm that I am any thing better, than when I was with you, but still I can make good, that I am.

London,  
Sept. 4.

*Your assured good Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

*You*



*You shall do me a pleasure to let me know, how the Sermons of D. Howson, are digested, and whether order will be taken, that he shall retract (as is fit he should) his Scandalous last Sermon, being utterly void of all Honesty and Wit.*

CLXXXV.

SIR,

**Y**OU have often complained with your Under-Keeper, and so have Divers besides, that there be many Books wanting in the Library, which may be easily procured. Some Notes you have sent of such unto me, and so hath Mr. Price, which now upon the suddain, I cannot meet withal. For which I would intreat you, to call as many to mind, as you can, of the best, and to pray Mr. Price to do the like, together with the rest, that are presently busied in collating the Fathers, and to send me your Catalogue by your Munday's Carrier: Because Jo. Bill doth depart upon Wednesday or Thursday that Week; by whom I will take order, that they shall be bought and brought, with his next from beyond Sea, and conveyed unto you, with your next Act Books. Which is all.

London,  
Jan. 22.

Your ever assured

Tho. Bodley.

CLXXXVI.

SIR, CLXXXVI.

**A**Bout my coming to *Oxon*, my Wife's Indisposition doth make me irresolute. Come I must and will, if God lend me Life and Health; but how soon I cannot say. For the State of her Infirmary is grown to that Extremity, that unless she do amend, and that out of Hand, in all kind of Likelihood, she will bid her Friends farewell. And then what may occasion my longer Stay here, you can conjecture as well as I. But in case she gather Strength, and grow to Amendment, be it never so little, I will be with you. God willing, some Day the next Week. It was ever my Opinion, that two Foot and half Thickness, was too little for that Wall, that they will frame above the Vault: For which I am glad of your general Conclusion, to make it up three: And so much I have signified to Mr. *Gent* and Mr. *Brent*. Of all other Matters, we shall have Leisure, when I come.

London  
May 28.

*Your ever assured,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CLXXXVII.

SIR,

**T**HE Letter here inclosed I pray you deliver to the Vice-Chancellor, as soon as you receive it. The Orator of  
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the University hath written it here, to be sent as from the University to Sir *Edwyn Sandys*. Haply Mr. Vice-Chancellor will cause it to be read in Convocation, when he shall impart my Letter unto them, which I sent the last Week: At which time I wrote in like manner unto your self, and sent you by the Carrier this Quarter's Rent with 20 Pounds over, for which and for some other Points of my Letter I desire to hear from you. Yesterday I sent by Barge a Pipe and a Hogshead of Books, which will be delivered at *Barns's Wharf at Burcot* before *Munday* next. And if you send upon *Sunday* to *Ifley* a Mile from *Oxon* by *Conley*, to one *John Smith* a Carter, directing him to *Barns*, he will fetch the Books upon *Munday*. For the Carriage I bargained to give five Shillings, and one Shilling to the Barge-Man, if your Books were well carried, which I pray you disburse, and for their Carriage to *Oxon*, with other necessary Expences, and upon Sight of your Note, I will take Order that you shall receive it again presently. *Vale* in hast.

London,  
July 1.

Your assured ever,  
Tho. Bodley.

CLXXXVIII.

SIR

**T**Here is but a part yet come of our Mart Books, for which your Number this A<sup>c</sup>t will be the less. But those that I have bought, shall be sent unto you out of Hand. Of the *China*-Books, because I cannot give their Titles, I have written on every Volume the Name of the Giver. I pray you in taking the Titles of other Books, be careful to search where more than one are bound in a Volume, that none may escape you. I have written this Morning to Mr. Vice-Chancellor, and sent him a Note of this Year's Contributors, giving him further Notice, of one hundred Pounds, by Sir *Edwyn Sandys*'s means, gotten to the Library; in what sort you shall understand, by that which I have written to the Vice-Chancellor, which will be imparted, as I suppose, to the next Convocation. Here inclosed I have sent a List of the rest of my Books, which I shall request you, to cause to be copied, (with those that I conveyed unto you the last Week) by Sir *Hales* upon the Register. There are not enough to answer the Sum of this last hundred Pounds, but yet I thought fit, to send as many as I had, and the rest with the next Conveniency.

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I think your Brother is this Day sworn Lord Chief Justice, and Sergeant Tounfield Lord Chief Baron, *quod bonum faustumq; sit tibi & tuis.*

Whether you have sent for John Smith the Chain-Maker, or can be served at Oxon by some other, I will see that your Disbursement, for chaining and fastning the greater Volumes, shall be discharged.

You have joyned with Dastin his *Speculum Philosophiæ* MS. some other of his Works, of which I pray you send me the Titles, because I have at this present a Book of his offered unto me to be bought. Now for an Answer of your's of this Week:

In that which you have written of your Disbursements about the Library, I may by no means assent to pay, for clearing of the Court beneath, or for bringing in the Sand. For as the University paid for the Sand, so I doubt not but they would have paid for the bringing in of it, and likewise for the Bolt to Exeter-College-Door, with some other impertinent Charges: Which yet for this time I will discharge, though they be without my Compass, praying you that hereafter I may receive a Quarter's Note of such Expences.

In my Letter to Mr. Vice-Chancellor, I  
have

have intreated, that you with the Executors of *D. Reynolds* ( which is agreeable to his Will, unless I had been present ) may choose the fourty Books of his Gift : And for the rest, which are not in the Library, I could wish, if we may have them, that they would either take other Books, in exchange of those which we have double in the Library, or otherwise price them by some indifferent Persons, and I will give them ready Mony for such as you and Mr. Principal and Mr. *Allen* shall like, to whom I will write, to take some Pains in that Behalf, if I may be first advertised from you, whether Course the Executors will admit. Of those that you have sent in your greater Catalogue, I know there be many already in the Library. Which is all for the present.

*Your affectionate Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

CLXXXIX.

S I R,

I Came hither of Purpose from *Fulham*, to meet with your Letter, which I received, I thank you, this Evening late : But have not received that full Satisfaction, that both my former Letters, and the Good of the Library did require : Which forceth me often to double my Letters, as I would not do willingly: Besides



sides that I cannot, having once written to you, of sundry Points of Importance, call them all to mind again, to remember you of them: So as many things are slipped, that are greatly material, for want of perfect Correspondence.

Such Books as I refuse, I pray you cross out, because they shall be returned. Of my Books bound in 40 there are two sorts, to wit a lesser sort, which I bind in Vellam, and a greater in Leather, which are to be chained. Of these in Leather you shall hereafter have a Note, holding it requisite for you. Whereas you signify that *Herveus Brito* his *Quodlibets* are not there in the Library, you shall find the same, Page 75 of your printed Catalogue, with which it may be likewise you shall find him on the Sentences. And where you note him in the Catalogue with ¶ I am very much deceived, but I bought him in Fol. Besides *Lullius*, which you write to be bound with *Bredon's Arithmet.* there is another, I am certain, and to my best Remembrance a Manuscript placed before *Bredon*, and written with the same Hand, as you shall find at the first Sight.

Before your Departure from *London*, you signified unto me, that you had taken a Note of all such Books here, as you doubted might be in the Library; which  
you

you also promised to send hither, as it would have been needful: But you touch it not in any Letter; which will cause me to buy many Books twice; your printed Catalogue being very defective, in many Respects, and chiefly in the Omission of Authors that are there. You must think me desirous, of shunning the Charge, of buying those Books again, which are in *Tract. Doct. Biblioth. Patr. Principes Medicorum*, and other like: But I doubt the greatest part are already bought, and that such as are wanting, amount to no great Reckoning. Now if the Catalogue of every several Author in those Volumes, should be printed with your's, it would fall out that the same Writers would be twice named: Whereby it might be imagined, that we sought to make a great Bulk of a Catalogue, by iterating the same Authors: With which kind of Censure I would willingly meet, that our Doings might be subject to as little Exception, as can be forethought on. I would willingly know, whether you have any of these, and which:

The best *Th. a Kempis* or *Campis*, 8vo.  
*Ant. 1601.*

*Diodorus Siculus Biblioth. Hist. Fol. Lat.*

*Lippomanus* his *Vitæ Scotorum*.

*Benedictus Aretius* upon *Lindanus*.



*Vere Alchymie citra enigmata Doctrina,*  
&c.

*Mercurialis Consilia*, and in how many  
Tomes.

*Aristidis Orationes Græ.*

*Eustrathius in Ethic. Lat.*

*Albertus Magnus in Ethic, De Anima,*  
*De Cælo.*

*Jo Corasius in aliquot Tit. 2i. ac 3i. Tom.*  
*Pandectarum.*

*Pet Victorius in de Arte Poetica.*

*Jo Ant. Delphius de Matrimonio & Calibatu*, which methinks should be there joy-  
ned with some other.

*Albertus Magnus in Minores Prophetas.*

And whether *Fulgentius* and *Aponius* be  
in *Biblioth. Patrum*. likewise *Zacharias Chry-*  
*sopolitanus & Zmaragdus Abbas.*

Of *Boterus* you say there is that which  
is specified in the Catalogue printed, to  
wit, *della Ragion di stato*. But your self  
doubted at your being here, whether it  
were all one, with his *Tessoro Politico*,  
of which a Piece of his Title is *della Ra-*  
*gion di stato*. I pray you remember to  
leave Room for the 10 Tome of *Baronius*,  
which I have bought: And let me know,  
what Author is joyned with your *Honca-*  
*la in Genes*,

If I should not receive your Resolution  
to the particulars with Speed I shall be  
for-

forced to forbear from Binding, and Joyn-  
ing together of sundry Authors, and so  
from Proceeding in many things, which  
would be great Loss of time, and much  
Prejudicial to the Library. For I did al-  
ways conceive, that all Business set apart,  
you would have intended the Finishing of  
the Catalogue, before you had undertaken  
any other new Exercise, which cannot  
but distract you, from the perfecting of  
that, which both will require our utter-  
most Diligence and Intention, and should  
be accomplished thoroughly, before the  
King's coming to you: Which I think will  
fall out a little after *Easter*, and is the on-  
ly Cause, that I do put my self here, to  
extroardinary Pains. Hereof I would pray  
you to consider, what Course is to be fol-  
lowed for our soonest Dispatch of that  
we have begun, and is so earnestly expec-  
ted. I have here inclosed a Note, to the like  
Effect, as I sent you a former, and there-  
with commend you to God's special Pro-  
tection.

London,  
Jan. 10.

*Your faithful Friend,*  
Tho. Bodley.

*Such a Servant so qualified, as you have ex-  
pressed, will in my Opinion be fitter for  
your Purpose, and do more good Service,  
than any that is Bookish.*



CXC.

S I R,

I Have moved *John Bill*, about those Blanks in *Calvin* on the Psal. which might easily scape both him and me. The worst is, there are no others to be had for Mony. If *Hugo Cardinalis* upon *Esay* be not omitted in all of that Edition, that Defect shall be supplied. I think by *Heshusius* in *Omnes Epistolas*, is meant only *Omnes*, that he hath written. For *Jo. Bill* believes, that he hath but written on *ad Rom. & Cor.* As for those that are double, our Loss will not be great, both for that the Books which you have now noted, are not many, and they will be made away for other Books, or for Mony, with little Loss. It had been absurd, to have made the Clasps of the Register of Silver, and the Bosses of Copper, albeit the Charge had not differed much, all things accounted. But my fear was, that where now the Clasps fall off, of themselves, they would then have fallen off with other mens help. I know not what to say to it, 'till I come my self to see it. The King of *Denmark* departing, as it is thought within these Three Days, I shall see what will become of the K's. Books, whereupon will depend many other Resolutions. Where you write, that you cannot

cannot find upon the Catalogue, the First part of *Schultetus Medulla* and *Stowes Chron.* I know not which Catalogue you mean, unless it be the Printed; or whether you signify so much, to the end I should buy them. I want your Answer, to that which I requested in my last, unto you, that you would send me some more of *Wicliffe's* Work, if you had any more copied. Divers find fault, that the Library is oftener shut, than it should; namely the last *Munday*, which indeed, in my Opinion, was not to be exempted, howsoever *Tuesday* might be excused: Albeit I should like, that neither of both were freed, but during the time of Publick Prayer, and the Sermon. Thus wishing your Happiness, to the full of your Desires, I rest

Aug. 1.

Your most assured Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

CXCI.

SIR,

I Send you *Philipson's* Acquittance here Inclosed. The Mony was paid, as I Promised, on *Fryday*, and my Servant, requested *Philipson*, to certify *Jackson* of it, to the End you might have had it, albeit I wrote not: But I see it was omitted.



Sometimes, to tell you the truth, many Letters from my Friends, come huddling together from *Oxon*, and they come so late to my Hands, by reason of my being at my House in *Fulham*, as I have not the leisure, to answer them all, before the Carrier's Departure: Which makes me oftentimes to deal with you, as with some others; that when the Principal subject of your letter, is the same in effect, that is Written by some other, I do pray that Friend, to read my Answer to you, and so to satisfy himself; And then to seal and convey my letter to you.

To your motion made about the Porter, I did not then Answer, when you wrote unto me, for that I held it time enough at *Michaelmas*, sith it was not of such moment, that it needed forewarning. But now I pray you call him to you, and acquaint him with that, which I would have him perform. For my meaning is, that he shall presently enter upon his Place, and follow your Directions, in all that shall concern the doing of his Office.

It puts me in a Dump, that my Mason having laid but one only course of Muddled Work, he should complain so soon of the Badness of the Stone, and Unhand-someness of the Work. Which methinks  
he

he should have found, before a whole course of his Work had been laid. What Remedy for it, I cannot Conjecture, Mr. Gent being absent, who was wont to advertise of every Particular, and impart his Opinion, as touching the Redress. It troubles me much, and so I pray you signify to Jo. Acroide. For if it may be redressed, I had rather cast it down, then that it should stand with any Palpable Faults: And so much signify also to Mr. Brent. For as I am informed the rest of the Work, hath hitherto yielded Satisfaction to all Men: And now to set on *Cervicem equinam humano Capiti*, it will be reputed a fault inexcusable. For to frame a complaint against the New-College Workman, is a faint and Weak Excuse. Thus recommending my self most heartily unto you, I bid you farewell.

Fulham,                      Your ever assured,  
Oct. 3.                      Tho. Bodley.  
I purpose my self to Write to Mr. Brent, for  
which you need not from me, to say any  
thing to him.

CXCII.

S I R,  
GOD willing, the next Week, you shall  
have the Remainder of Sir Char. Dan-  
vers's Books, with others besides: As  
withal I purpose to Write to Sir Hales, I

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pray



pray you send me the general Prices of those two MSS. of Mr. *Buckley*, which you do value at 12s. both together: also the Place, and the Year where *Genebrard* was Printed, and whether he be in *fol.* or *4to.* If you can procure a perfecter Note of such Law-Books, as are wanting in the Library, let me have it as soon as you can. And so I commend you to God's good Tuition.

From London,  
May 26.

Your assured Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.

CXCIII.

SIR,

YOU do rightly conceive my Meaning, which is to win as much Room, as we may conveniently, for Stowage of Books: Which was the only Reason that moved me, to have the new Wall, raised higher than the old, by Two or Three Foot. And unless Mr. *Gent*, Mr. *Brent*, and Mr. *Alderman*, be of an other Opinion, I would have your Opinion stand, if it be not disgraceful to the Work, and the Eye. The Corbets, as I was promised by the Carpenters, and Mr. *Alderman*, should be so contrived, as they should be little Hindrance, to the placing of Books, I marvel very much at the stay of my Books, and sorry exceedingly at this Indisposition of my Lord of *London*, hoping by your  
next

next to hear better News, which I wish  
with all my Heart, and therewith rest

June 12.

*Your ever assured,*

Tho. Bodley.

CXCIV.

S I R,

I Stood in some doubt of Writing unto  
you, for that it should seem by your  
last before this, that you meant to be here  
some time this Week. Howbeit a Word  
or Two, at all adventures. I have divers  
*English* Books Newly Printed, (though  
none as yet of those which you mention)  
which I reserve to be sent with divers o-  
thers of this Year, which I do daily ex-  
pect. But those of the Company, have  
taken hitherto no constant speedy Order,  
for the gathering of them, and delivery  
unto me: Albeit they promise, and say  
they will do it every Day. I should not  
have thought the Recorder so simple, as  
he is discovered by that Action. But the  
Major deserved to break his Shins, for  
making such hast to go before his Betters.  
I am of Opinion, that in regard of the  
old Building, there should be a Table in  
like manner, about the New Library, in  
Case it will but loose a Shelf, or Two of  
Books. I hope for the Beam, you will  
take such a Course, as there shall be no  
want of Beauty and Strength to the Wall,  
which



which are the very Main and Principal Points, that I aim at in my Building. As Touching the Bell, I would have it cast again, and if my Friends think it good, made somewhat bigger. But thereof at our Meeting. Yet I pray you inquire, if the Country thereabout will yield a Bell-Founder. Of *Bolton* likewise when we meet, and of many more Matters. *Vale.*

Fulham,

July 23.

*Your's assuredly,*

Tho. Bodley.

*I think the Prince will be shortly at Woodstock, and like enough to come to see the University.*

CXCV.

S I R,

Since my coming to *London*, which is now some Five Weeks since, I have been very unkindly dealt withal, with a Cough and Cold: which hath made me take little Pleasure, in writing Letters unto any. Nevertheless, I returned to you a present Answer, concerning the Publishing of your *Roman Corruptions*: To which I was desirous, to have had some kind of Answer: But until to day, I received nothing this Month, and yet Touching those Doubts, that then I proposed, nothing now at all. Only, an Advertisement of those Misdemeanours of the *Masons of Oxon*, (for which I thank you very heartily)

ly) hoping your endeavours, with the Aid of other Friends, will not be wanting in that case: As I hold my self assured, of Mr. Vice-Chancellor, and his Deputie's Travels, to Inquire, and to punish, as the Offenders shall merit. I did not forget, to deal with Dr. *Shingleton*, and with Mr. *Tailor*, in like manner, as you and Mr. *Price* requested by your Letters: And I found them both to make no question, in case Mr. *Price* were not landed above the rate, that their Statutes have limited: Which I told them I supposed he would clear by his Oath. Tell me, I pray you, in your next, whether that little MS. Pamphlet of *Islep* in 8o. *Speculum Edwardi Tertii* be found again. For I should be sorry to hear it were lost, or embezled: Because the giver thereof is so informed, and it would turn exceedingly, to the Prejudice and Discredit of you and the Library. Which is all for the present. *Vale.*

London,  
No. 30.

Your ever assured,

Tho. Bodley.

I pray, Sir, deliver the inclosed to Mr. *Flexney*. I must also intreat you to tell Mr. *Allen*, that I have sent two Bottles by *Guy* the Carrier, of which he is to deliver one to Mr. *D. Rives*, of New-College. Their Carriage is paid for.

CXCVI,



S I R,

CXCVI.

**I** Have paid Mr. *Baden* 9 *l.* and have sent you his Bill, inclosed herein. I perceive by Mr. *Gent*, that many Students are Suitors to have the Globes reserved, whereunto I will yield, because many do request it, albeit in my Opinion they serve to slender purpose. For it is wholly inconvenient, that any should use them in the Closets: And without there is no Room. Your Device for a Library for the younger Sort, will have many great Exceptions, and one of special force, that there must be another Keeper Ordained for that place. And where you mention the younger Sort, I know what Books should be Bought for them, but the Elder, as well as the Younger, may have often Occasion to look upon them: And if there were any such, they cannot require so great a Renown. In effect, to my Understanding, there is much to be said against it, as undoubtedly your self will readily find, upon further Consideration. I have intreated Mr. *Gent*, to impart a Plot unto you, which I have set down for the lengthening of the Library, whereof I have conceived a special Liking, albeit I will do nothing without my Friends Approba-

Approbation. Wherewith I commend you  
to God's gracious Tuition.

Fulham,  
Dec. 20.

*Your assured Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

CXCVII.

SIR,

**T**Hrough multiplicity of Business, I am  
forced to intreat you, to bear with  
my Brevity, though withal I do as-  
sure you, that I will give you an Answer,  
with my very first Leisure, to all that you  
have proposed, in these your last Three  
Weeks letters.

From Fulham,  
Dec. 20.

*Your assured,*

Tho. Bodley.

CXCVIII.

SIR,

**I** Was not made acquainted by any  
Friend of your's, with your suddain  
Departure: Neither did I know, before  
the very day, that I spake with Mr. *Clay-  
ton*, that you were departed. But your  
Occasion, I see, was very urgent, and the  
sight of your Letter upon it, doth give me  
full Satisfaction. Howbeit the truth is,  
I received many Matters, to be imparted  
unto you, before you went from hence,  
which I would not communicate, before  
all your other Businessses had been ended  
to your Mind: which now I will deliver,

as



as Occasion shall be offered, by piece-meal hereafter. Whatsoever you shall send to my Lord's Grace, or to my Lord of *Lichfield*, I my self, God willing, will deliver very carefully, and add all the Grace that my Ability can give it, or you can expect from a true affected Friend. And so you may account, in whatsoever else you shall have Cause, to make use of my Friendship.

Fulham,  
Dec. 10.

Your ever assured,  
Tho. Bodley.

CXCIX.

SIR,

I Pray you speak to Mr. *Hales*, that when I send you the Catalogue of my Lord *Paget's* Books, they may be presently set down upon the Register ; and I purpose, God willing, some time the next Week, to send it unto you. As for my Lord of *Southampton*, I have not yet furnished half his Number, for want of Books, of which notwithstanding I expect every Week, some Store from *Venice* and *Lions*. I pray you signify plainly to me, of what it proceedeth in *Joseph Barnes*, that my Books are not sold : For methinks it will prove an unfortunate Work unto me. Because it is your own Collection, I could wish you to send, as from your self, to the Bishop of *Winchester* : For if I should

should be the Giver, I must write of Force unto him, accompany the Book with a solemn Letter, and also convey it by some chosen Messenger: Which I want the Time and Means to see fitly performed. Mrs. Owen hath confirmed her Gift of a 100 l. by her Speeches to my self: Whereupon I have written unto the Vice-Chancellor, to give Notice thereof unto the University, and to cause a publick Letter to be written unto her. This is all at this time.

London;  
July 16.

*Your very assured,*  
Tho. Bodley.

*I shall very much long to see your Speech to the King: For that it behoveth us much, it should be pleasing: As undoubtedly you have in my Opinion, a very fine Place, and a fit Opportunity to shew your self; in that Respect, hardly any other Actor having the like.*

CC.

SIR,

I Had long Speech with the Bishop of Duresme in your Behalf, whom I found in words very willing to stand your Friend in any thing: But when I proposed that Living in particular, the Extent of the Parish was so great, and Hospitality so requisite, as it could not be discharged by your self, who could not be present, nor  
by



by any other, that should not enjoy the whole Commodity of the Living: Which were the Points he stood upon so strictly, as no debating with him, could give him Satisfaction.

I look every Hour to hear from the Court: And if I may have my Choice of his Majesty's Books, sith there are many Manuscripts amongst those at *White-Hall*, it cannot be otherwise, in my Opinion, but that the greater Part of them should be of Divinity, and as I should imagine, of the Fathers. As near as is possible, whensoever we should attempt that Collation of the Fathers, the Copies which are used, should remain in the Library, there to be perused by all Comers in, if any Man call in Question the Faith of our Collation. To think to supply our Wants out of *Germany* or *France*, is to feed our selves with a Hope of a Matter full of Trouble, and very unlikely to take Place. In my Conceit you cannot do better, than when you find a Leisure time, to see how many Copies you have of every Part, of every one of the Fathers: That when you go to Work, you may not miss your Instruments, which might make that Attempt Inconsiderate, if not Ridiculous to the Adversary. For to go in Hand with some Parts, of some of the Fathers, would  
not

not prove a Work worthy the Expectation raised, nor the Fame of the Library. These and many Points more, I could lay before you, right worthy to be thought on, which I deem as yet sufficient to intimate unto you, till I hear how my Suit hath sped in Court; which you shall know as soon as I can signify the same.

*From Fulham,  
October 16.*

*Your assured,  
Tho. Bodley.*

CCI.

SIR

**T**His Day Fortnight, I wrote a Letter unto you of some good Length, wherein I touched divers Points, that required your Answer. Howbeit I have not heard from you, neither this Week, nor the last; whereby I stand doubtful, that either my Letter was not delivered, or that you might be absent, upon some Occasion. Howsoever, I would be glad to know your Mind, and to hear somewhat from you, with your first Opportunity; hoping that your Health is such that it hath been, and I desire may continue.

*London,  
Oct. 24.*

*Your faithful Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.*

SIR,

CCII.

**U**Pon whom your Mind should run so much I cannot conjecture; but I  
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protest unto you very faithfully, that no Man living but your self, did ever signify unto me, that you had a Mind to be joy-ned with the Translators, nor never did any deal with me in that Matter, either to your Prejudice or otherwise: For when you gave me the first Intelligence of it, you let me understand, in what sort you were called, and withal you declared your earnest Desire ( whereto you intreated my Conformity ) to be busied in that Service; Which you did with that Zeal, as I took my Journey purposely to *Oxon* upon it, to talk with the Party, by whom you were chosen, to dismiss you from it: Whereof you seemed after, upon our Conference together, to like very well: And *D. Raynolds* upon my Speeches, thought it also Reason not to press you any further. Moreover I have signified since unto you, that unless of your self you were willing, no Man would enforce the Offering, if need were, to talk with the Bishop of *London* in that Behalf. Again, your own Allegation of your Weariness and Weakness, thro' the Pains you had taken in setting forth the Catalogue, is an honest and sufficient Excuse, to exempt you from that Charge. For otherwise, to complain of Pains, and yet to desire; to increase your Pains, might not well accord together.

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Still I retain my former Opinion, that a Fellow-Keeper, that is continually in the Library, shall find fitter Opportunities to abuse the Place, than those that are often changed, and are taken but for a Day, or a small time, and on the sudden, and by Starts.

Where you write that *Victorius in Phalerenm*, is noted with &c. because it is coupled with his *Ethicks*, if the like Course has been taken with all others, it will very much prejudice the Store and Credit of the Library, that a Multitude of Books, should be thereby concealed. *Ursinus de Familijs* must be there of Necessity, being set down upon one of my Catalogues, with your own Hand, which I have here to shew. For the other Books, I have presently no Leisure, to view the Catalogue; but in my next, I will certify what I find.

London,  
Oct. 31.

Your ever assured,

Tho. Bodley.

CCIII.

SIR,

Howsoever you understand me, it was no Part of Meaning in me, to intreat your Coming hither, for any Conference that I required. For I have no Occasion, to put you to that Trouble: but as I made my Motion, so I did desire,

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that if any Business of your own, or other incident Occasion, should draw you to *London*, that then I had some Matter to impart unto you, which would haply give Content to both our Dispositions; not requiring the while, any hasty Meeting with you.

What Order I have taken with *Davis* the Painter, who by this time I hope is come unto you, I have written at large to Mr. Principal. He hath promised to begin his Work out of Hand, to be a continual Work-man himself upon it, and to finish the whole before *Christmas-Day*. Patterns of his Panels and Battons, to which the rest must be conformed, I have sent Mr. Principal, and have his handy-writing for the good Performance. Were the Amendment of my Health, such as you have been informed, I should not give you over, without a whole Sheet of Paper. But the Imperfections of Sicknes, divert me often from my Courses; for which I must attend God's good Pleasure, for my Remedy: And in the mean Season, I rest as ever

London,  
Oct. 26.

Your very assured,  
Tho. Bodley.

SIR,

CCIV.

I Will talk with Mrs. *Owen* one of these Days. For I do not think it fit, to repair

pair so hastily to her, upon her Return. It will be time, in my Opinion, that you begin to think what Speech you will use to the King, at his Access to the Library. For I would have it to peruse, at the least 3 Weeks before his Coming: For which I shall request you, to make no Delays. It must not carry greater length, than for half a quarter of an Hour's Utterance. Hereof I thought at my being in *Oxon*, to have some Talk with you at Length; but that my suddain Sickness would not permit me, whereof as yet I am not rid altogether: Whereby I am forced to be shorter, than I otherwise would. Commend me most heartily to your Brother.

London, *July 12.* Your very assured Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.

*My Lord Paget's Books are not yet all bought, nor my Lord of Southampton's. But they shall be sent with the soonest. I pray you cause Mr. Barneston's Gift, and Mr. Evan Jones's with Mr. Dorel's, to be written on the Register by Mr. Hales; and likewise, if you think it meet, Mr. Underhil's. To Mr. Edward Jones, those which he gave before, would be added now, and all recorded together.*

SIR,

CCV.

I Return you by this Carrier, your Transcript of *Wickliffe*, which I have read

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over more than once, and do not find him inferior to *Scotus* in Subtlety. But much is very obscure, by Reason of your Copy, which I perceive, was either worn out of reading, or very ill written to be read. I do not doubt of that Part, which you purpose to publish, but you take the Opinion of your chiefest and most judicial Friends. For whatsoever is printed under your Name, in regard of the Office and Place that you hold, will be thought to be the Act of the whole University. I would be very willing, to impart my best Advice, whatsoever it is you have in Hand: But you have all Sufficiency there with you, and it would be Loss of Time, to expect from hence, my Censure of any thing. In any Case endeavour to get the Help of the *Jew* for the *Hebrew-Catalogue*. For it cannot be done without him; and either by your self, or by your Friends in Authority, you shall be able to procure that, for so short a time, his Auditors wheresoever, will be willing to spare him, for so good a publick Purpose. Thus wishing your Happiness, and Heart's Desire in all your Actions, I commend you for the present to God's Gracious Tuition.

Fulham,  
Dec. 30.

Your ever assured,  
Tho. Bodley.

SIR,

CCVI.

**W**Hen I wrote unto you, that you joyned your self willingly with the Translators, I did not affirm, nor think that you did it, before you were chosen: But after you were chosen, when you might have been freed, as you were sufficiently, upon my Speech with D. *Rainolds*, that yet still you desired, to be of the Consort, and intreated me by Letter, to approve your Desire. Hereof to put you in Remembrance, I have sent you your own Letter to look on: Wherein you also complained of Want of Exercise, and Leisure to take Physick, being over travelled with the Library-Business: And yet in the self same Letter you desired to take 2 Day's Travel of greater Pains than the former, and that every Week: In which you were excluded from using any Exercise or Physick. These things I wrote of, for that I saw they did not hang together, being now right glad, that you are better satisfied, for any other Man's Complaint, whereof I protest no Man living was guilty. I wonder how *Vives*, *Sigonius*, *Stadius*, *Strenius*, should escape you; Mr. *Norton* affirming, that there are very many more in that Case. And as for *Phalerius*, and such as are put in with an



*&c.* only, they must needs upon a new Review be named in the *Appendix*, it being more convenient, that rather our Catalogue should carry the Names of more, than fewer Authors than we have. *Norton's* Books are come from the Mart, of which there are at the least eight great dry-Fatsfull, out of which you shall know e're be long, what I shall have chosen. In the mean while I betake you to God's good Tuition.

London,  
Nov. 7.

Your affectionate Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.

CCVII.

SIR,

**Y**OUR Letter by this Carrier hath many Points in it, of special Moment, in which I cannot give Order, by my Letters, and therefore purpose, God willing, to see you in *Oxon*, within this Sevenight, if not before *Sunday* next: Till when I commend you, to God's good Direction, in all your Endeavours.

Fulham  
Sept. 12

Your affectionate Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.

CCVIII.

SIR,

**I** Do not see, that we need to take any Notice of the K's. Prohibition of those two Books; which was never done here, but in *Scotland*: For I think in the Queen's Reign,

Reign, it was as lawful to buy them, as any other Books: So as we may plead Ignorance of any such Interdiction, if it should come in Question, alledging that they were there put in, as they were indeed, in the Q's. time.

Since I parted from you, I have thought upon the Number of your Books in 8vo. which, I doubt, is so great, as they will hardly be placed in the fol. Tables: Whereof I pray you consider thoroughly, least in the middle of your Work, you should be forced to alter your Order, and begin your Print afresh; which would fall out greatly to my Detriment and Charge, but may be very well prevented, if you print the Closet-Books, in an Alphabet apart. Howbeit for that it may be, that you and your Brother have cast upon all that may happen, I refer it altogether to your own Dispositions; holding it much better, if it may be done conveniently, that the fol. and 8vo Books be joyned together. I pray you commend me to your Brother most heartily.

July 27.

*Your ever assured,*

Tho. Bodley.

CCIX.

SIR,

I Pray you let me intreat you, as I have done heretofore, to answer every Point of  
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my Letters unto you. I shall be otherwise forced, to your Trouble, as well as mine own, to write twice of one Matter, and so to loose the Opportunities, of doing that good, that I might for the Library. You signify nothing to me, what Protestant Books are wanting to the Library. Which I requested to know by this Week's first Carrier: For that otherwise it will not come in time to *Jo. Bill's* Hands, who is gone to the Mart. I pray you send me hither *4<sup>th</sup>am Part. Repertorij Bertachini*, because I have bought the whole for the Library, being 5 Vol. As for all other Matters, as touching Men's Abuses offered there unto you, I hope all the while you and I stand well affected, you have learned to contemn all undeserved Speeches and Complaints. Where-with I betake you to God's Protection.

London,  
March 2.

Your affectionate Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.

CCX.

SIR,

According to your Direction, I have sent your Quarter's Pay, and withal your 13 s. 4 d. to *Marinus*; whose Acquittance is here inclosed. I have formerly received the Transcripts of your Writings, which I requested to see, for which I thank you very heartily. And  
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for my Resolution, about a new kind of placing of the Books in the Library, it is not yet so ripe, that I can set it a-foot. But you shall be the first, with whom I will acquaint it. The *Romish Index Expurgatorius*, I send you by the Carrier, with my very best Wishes to your Welfare.

Fulham,  
Sept. 29.

Your ever assured,

Tho. Bodley.

*I had almost forgotten to tell you, that I have been informed, That the Bishop of Chichester was very desirous to have seen the Greek-Councils: Which were, as he said, but newly printed: But whether they be so or no, I shall not know, till I speak with Jo. Bill, wishing notwithstanding, that I had been by you advertised of it.*

SIR,

CCXI.

**Y**Our self are the first, that hath told me the Reason of your Absence or Silence: And I am glad of your Return, as also of the Danger, that you and your Wife have so happily escaped. I am very well satisfied for the Measures, between one Wall and the other, desiring only to know whether you mean the outside of the inner Wall, to the inside of the outward and compassing Wall. I pray you send me a Copy of the Indenture between *Balliol-College* and the University, and I will



will pay for the copying, as I will for your Clips and other Disbursements, if there be any, when you send me a Note. I shall request you to take the Pains, to move Mr. Vice-Chancellor, that I may have a Copy of the Licence of Mortmain, which I procured for the University : And I pray you send it me, with your soonest Opportunity. I am told that my Lord of *Chichester* and *Rochester* were in the Library ; but what they did or said, I do not understand, and you tell me nothing : Though I desire to know for many Respects. About the Catalogues what I purpose, as soon as I resolve, you shall be the first, to whom I will impart it. But it is a Point that depends on other Resolutions, which cannot be taken, so soon as I would. Thus beseeching God, to free the University from this Contagion, and prosper your Welfare to your Heart's Desire, I bid you adieu.

Fulham,  
Aug. 30.

Your ever assured Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.

*I pray you send me Word, how high the Wall is in the Library, from the Floor, no part of the Roof accounted, but the white Wall only on the Sides.*

SIR, CCXII.

**T**His Hand of *Davis*, being framed somewhat bigger, will serve the turn very well. But as I was informed, it is a great while since, that *Davis* left *Oxon*. If Mr. *Barnes* cannot be ready so soon as I made Account, I pray you confer with him very thoroughly, and let me know with some Certainty, what time he will begin. For it would trouble me much, to come thither in vain. And if you cannot set down a direct time, yet signify as near the same, as you can, to the end I may conform my Busineses unto it. My Books, I hope, are either with you already, or will be to Morrow, having hitherto had fair-Weather for the purpose. I pray you deliver the inclosed to my Man *George Comley*, whom I sent with my Books, and commend me very heartily to all my good Friends.

London,  
June 27.

*Your ever assured,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CCXIII.

SIR,

**T**HE Bearer hereof *Josippus Barbatus* was born at *Memphis* in *Ægypt*, and comes recommended from the Lord of *Canterbury*, to Mr. Vice-Chancellor, to the end he might read the *Arabian-Tongue*  
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in *Oxon*, which is natural to him: As withal he speaketh *French* and *Italian* very readily, also *Latin* well enough, to explicate his Mind: Being likewise, as I guess, of a kind and honest Disposition. I would be glad to understand, that he might be provided of a competent Entertainment, to keep him in *Oxon*, least *Cambridge* should endeavour, as I make Account they would, to draw him unto them. I pray you use your own Credit and mine, where you think you may prevail (for I have no Leisure at this present to write to more than your self) to farther his Desire, whom I think a small Matter will content at the first; which may hereafter be increased, according to the Profit, which his Auditors may reap: Wherewith I take my leave, recommending your Welfare, to God's gracious Preservation.

London,  
Aug. 14.

Your ever assured,

Tho. Bodley.

CCXIV.

S I R,

**H**erewith I have sent you the Catalogue of Mrs. Owen's Books, and of some others. There is yet behind Sir Fra. Vere's, which my Man at this present had not the Leisure to copy out. But they shall be sent unto you by the first the  
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next Week. I think it needless, to keep my Custome this Year, in advertising the University, what Books have been given since the last Act, for that they know already Mrs. Owen's Gift, and Sir *Fra. Vere* continueth his 10 l. yearly : And there is besides but Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Chubbe*, whose Gifts are but small. I pray you signify unto me by the first, how many ten Pounds Sir *Fra. Vere* hath already given, this Year's not accounted. I have set down upon Mrs. Owen's List, *La tertia Parte del Tesoro Politico di Gio. Bosero* twice : But whether you have it twice, or that one of them should be *la seconda Parte*, I do not know, neither can I find by Search; for that as many of her Books and Sir *Fra. Vere*'s as were bound before the King's coming to *Oxon*, I sent hither at that time, not knowing which they were. For which I would intreat you to let me understand what you find, that in Case I have bought a double Book, one of them may be omitted, in the Transcription the Register, in Lieu whereof I will put some other of the same Price. I have sent a dry-Fat of Books to *Burcot*, which will be there, I hope, upon *Wednesday*, and I have written to Mr. Principal, to take some Order for their Conveyance to *Ox-*



on by Cart. Some few Books I have left, which would not go into the dry-Fat, which shall be sent by the first Carrier the next Week, if not by this. Whether I shall be with you at your Act, I am uncertain: but I purpose it, if I can. *Vale.*

July 30.

*Yours,*

Tho. Bodley.

*I pray you confer with Mr. Principal about the Conveyance of my Books from Burcot.*

SIR,

CCXV.

**I** Have always thought it requisite, that the Catalogues of Authors in *Biblioth. Patrum*, and *Tract. Doctorum*, &c. should not be omitted in our printed Catalogues; only these must be omitted, which are otherwise bought single: Of which you cannot know all, till the Books which I have here shall come to your Hands: For that until then, it cannot appear unto you what Books I have chosen, or refused of these in my Gallery. But I assure my self, that within these five Weeks, all that I have, shall be with you in *Oxon*. I pray you remember to bespeak some 100, or 200, if you think fit, of the longest Chains, for I know that Number will suffice: And I think of Clips, you have already as many, as shall be needful. For how long time it will be fit, that the Students

dents should refrain from the use of the Library, we may advise between this and the time that the Books be sent, and of all things else, to both our best Likings. The mean while, I pray you, put all things in a Readiness, concerning your Prefaces, &c. that our Catalogue may be printed and published some time before the Act. And so I commend you, and all your Proceedings to God's special Direction.

London,  
Feb. 27.

*Your most assured Friend,*

Tho. Bodley.

CCXVI.

SIR,

**T**HE Lady Vere doth like very well of that kind of Inscription that I sent unto you, as I make no doubt, but she liked of that other of D. Chevil, because she knew not in what sort, I had dealt with others, whom for special Considerations, I did not, as you know, adorn with any Titles: Which if I should use in her Gift, haply others hereafter, and some Benefactors gone before, would think themselves wronged. Herewith I send you a Bill for your 9 *l.* with the rest of the Books that are to be registred: Which shall all be sent, God willing, with the Barge the next Week. There are other Givers of Books, of which some have given one, some two, and some three, which shall

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all be sent together with the rest, but how they shall be registred I will write unto you, when I write unto the Vice-Chancellor, which shall be when I send my Books. The mean while I bid you heartily Adieu.

London,  
June 22.

*Your faithful Friend*

Tho. Bodley.

SIR,

CCXVII.

I Was thrice at *Lambeth*, to have dined with the Archbishop since your Departure, and still he was to dine at the Court or with some Bishop. But I must and will find him as soon as I may: And rather at a Meal than otherwise, because I would have means to participate at large, about our Collation; whereunto I am yet advised, to admit no other but such, as will accept my Allowance for their Pains, least they should accept a greater Liberty than others, and not conform themselves so strictly to that Course of Proceeding, which we shall determine: And herein I purpose to carry a stroak my self alone, intending that no Man shall be of the Number, but such as are in some Measure qualified with the Knowledge of the 3 learned Tongues, and also otherwise held by the whole University, to be very grounded Scholars. But if any other will be willing, to come to this Conference, of  
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their own good Disposition, we are to imbrace in that Behalf, their Affections and Travels.

Your Essay sent unto me of the six Pages, is very orderly set down. But if of six Pages, which are three Leaves, there should fall out one Leaf of Corrections (for so there will do, and more, by your Computation) the diversity of Readings in all the Fathers, will amount, in my Opinion, to four or five great Volumes. For which we are to deliberate soundly together, whether every small Difference shall be set down, or only such as are material. For though the Manuscripts in one Country shall accord in one Reading, which may be presumed, to proceed from one or two original Copies, yet those in other Countries may vary from ours, and be held authentical enough. My Desire to hasten this Work is as fervent as any Man's: But that no Expectation may be made to our posting, as undoubtedly hereafter, whatsoever our Excuses will be counted as frivolous, if we commit an Incongruity, I would have us lay our ground-Sells sure: And therefore will gather all our Manuscripts first. I do not doubt, but we shall find a great many in *White-Hall-Library*, and when I have them in my Custody, I do not intend to loose a-



ny time, from going in hand, with that we have projected. For as yet I stand in Fear, that we have not three several Copies of *St. Augustine*; whereas there would be had 8 at the least: And all collected at the first, because every Copy must have his seperate Mark and Note or Cipher: As also (as neer as may be) they should be Copies appertaining to the Library, that every Man may come and see, with what Sincerity we have dealt, in all our Collations, and take a Sight of our Copies in one self Place. It is likewise to be considered, whether the printed Copies which are to be used in the Collation, shall be the same that are in the Library. There are besides other Points of Moment to be thought on, which when I have perused these Books of his Highness, I will propose and conclude with all the speed I may. For one thing you must think on, that if the King should delay the having away of his Books, after once I shall have taken their View, and delivered him a Catalogue, of those that I have chosen, the Pretence which I must make of undertaking speedily the Collation of the Farhers, must be the Motive which I will use, to get my Dispatch. If you have found a fit Scholar to your Fantasy to assist you in the Library, I am very

ry glad of it, and after our *Lady-Day* forward, I will allow him after the Rate of 6 *l.* 13 *s.* 4 *d.* to be paid unto him, half yearly or quarterly, as you shall bargain with him. And so beseeching God to continue you and your's in your desired Welfare, I betake you to the Almighty.

London,  
Feb. 25.

Your ever assured,

Tho. Bodley.

*In my Opinion it will be very requisite, that as your Leisure will permit, you should search precisely, whether first we have all St. Augustine, and then how many Copies of each Work. For I doubt we are unfurnished in both Respects: So that we shall meet, as Workmen unprovided of Tools, and be noted in our Plot, of great Defect in our Provision and Readiness: Which is against my Proceeding in all the Courses hitherto undertaken about the Library.*

S I R, CCXVIII.

**I** Think my self greatly abused by Barnes, but how to amend it, I know not. It would be well that *Drusius* should survey all his Characters in *Hebrew*, and consider withal, what Number will correct the *Errata* of his Catalogue. And if he find them too few, they may be put in *Latin-Letters*, and the Fault of that Course, either cast upon the Printer, or Compositor, or where you find it. As touching your



Prefaces, I have to your Brother imparted my Mind, who will joyn with you undoubtedly to the framing of all, to that good liking that is fit. Which I could wish should be done with all Expedition, to the end we may determine, upon presenting the Book to your best Advantage. I pray you put as many to binding of the Books, as you shall think convenient, of which I would have some dosen of the better Paper, to be trimmed with Guilding and Strings, as when I come thither ( which shall be, God willing, before the Aēt ) shall be thought requisite. Howbeit for my coming, I will be willing to know your Brother's Opinion and your's, being very unwilling, to make longer Abode, than needs I must. You must of Force say somewhat to the King at his Coming, which must be short and sweet, and full of Stuff: Whereto, I do not doubt, but you will frame Invention. For there is time enough to think upon it, sith it may not exceed the Length of six *Pater Nosters*. If *Diamond* have a Will, to be early up at his Work in the Library, I pray you give him Ingress: And so as well wearied, as I was a great while, with Multitude of Busineses, I betake your Welfare to God's special Protection.

London,  
June 14.

Your assured ever,  
Tho. Bodley,

SIR,

CCXIX

**Y**Our Mony is paid, where you appointed to wit 10*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* as the Acquittance herewith importeth. This Week, I do not doubt, but my Carpenters shall have Order for Timber, upon the Return of Mr. *Gent*, which was to be, by his Appointment, upon *Munday*. In any case you must continue my Care about my Building, and call upon *Acroide* and *Bentley*, for the Choice of their Stone, and the close laying of it, least their latter Offences should deserve more Reproof, than their former. In which Regard, they are oft to be remembred, of looking to their Business: Albeit I make no doubt, but they will be so diligent and provident, as there shall be no Cause, for their Enemies the Towns-men, to insult as they did. Howbeit your Diligence and daily View of their Proceeding, will avail very much in that Regard, whereunto I leave you, and all your own Endeavours to God's gracious Direction.

London,

Apr. 10. 1611.

*Your ever assured,*

Tho. Bodley.

*The little Alcoran with Points, which I sent you long since, I stand in some doubt whether it had the Name of the Giver written before it: If it had not, I pray*

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*you*



*you write* Donum Hen. Wooton Militis,  
& Regiæ Ma.tis apud Venetos Orato-  
ris.

CCXX.

SIR,

I Have sent you back your Books and Letters, with my Answers and Notes to most material Points : Which was not so needful unto all, because they carry their Answer, upon the first View, and because I am resolved, to allow whatsoever is found fitting by the Delegates, in every Clause and Statute : To which Effect I have written to Mr. Vice-Chancellor, advertising only my Desire, that when their Draught is fully perfected, and put into *Latin*, they would impart it unto me, before they do give it their publick Establishment. I pray you remember Mr. Vice-Chancellor, to acquaint the University, in their next Convocation, with Sir *Thomas Smith's* Gift to the Library, and likewise, ( in Case you think it requisite ) for the assuming D. *Budden* into the Number of the Delegates. I would also request you, to learn that Party's Mind, that promised 5 *l.* to the Library, that if he persist in his Promise, I may accordingly make choice of his Books. In any wise forget not, to procure an exact Catalogue to be taken of all the He-  
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brew-Books in the Library, sith you have as you told to me, so sufficient a Scholar to perform it. *Vale.*

Fulham,  
Feb. 26.

Your ever assured Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.

CCXXI.

SIR,

I Pray you tell Sir *Hales*, that I will shew my self thankful unto him, at my next coming to *Oxon*, which shall be, God willing, before your Catalogue be printed, or presently upon it. I will cause Mr. *Sheldon*, to write *Jo.* Chain-man, about the Chains.

There is no doubt, but the Common-Law-Books will stand best together, and if they may be studied by two at once, it will suffice: For hardly more will meet at a time, and if they should, we are not to provide for every little Inconvenience.

You send me good News of Mr. *Harmer*, who I should imagine, will not fail of his Word, albeit as yet I have heard nothing of him, from himself.

Where Sir *Jo. Parker* is, I do not understand: But if he purpose to keep Touch, he knoweth my House, and hath been with me three or four times, making the same Offer, and somewhat larger than to your self. If you can conjecture what time your printing will be finished, I pray  
you



you let me know it : That I may thereafter cast my Journey to *Oxon*. For as I should conjecture, it may fall out about the same time, as *Keis* shall be ready to set up his Work ; which is all my Desire, and all that I have to signify at this time, besides my kindest Commendations.

London,  
May 8.

Your assured,  
Tho. Bodley.

CCXXII.

SIR,

**I**T is a good while since, that you sent me this inclosed Note of Gift-Books. Whether before the last Act, or since, I cannot call to mind, neither do I remember, whether they be all recorded upon the publick Register. I pray you send me Word, and return me the Note again. From Sir *Charles Cornwallis* I never heard any thing, and I have no Acquaintance with him. You never signified unto me, what became of that Letter to the Bishop of *Limreck*. Methinks it should not be lost, nor the Suit given over. There be Suitors unto me for *Price's* Place, and yet I hear nothing from *Price* himself, nor can give any Judgment of the Party's Abilities recommended unto me. If your Statutes were fully confirmed, the Election should be your's : And yet howsoever, there

there shall none be admitted, but with your Approbation, For which I must intreat you, to advise me for the best, to the end we may concur upon the fittest Person, as well for your Ease, as for the good Service of the University, which I purpose to prefer, above all the Requests of private Frinds: And so I bid you adieu.

London,  
May 17.

*Your truly assured,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CCXXIII.

S I R,

**W**E expect every Tide some Barge-men from *Burcot*. My Books are all ready, and shall go with the first. The Parchment-Books will be more, than can be placed in the Closets: But you shall be forced, to shut up a great Part (only for a time, till further Order shall be taken) within the grated Desks, and the rest must be laid upon the Floors of the Closets. And though by that means, you cannot place them in Order to deliver them out: Yet Men must be contented, to bear with you a while, till they be otherwise bestowed: Whereof at my Coming I will determine with my Friends.

I have been told of one in *Carpus Christi*-College, that writeth fair and finely, but I cannot learn his Name. If it be so, I  
hope



hope we shall prevail so much with him, as he will be contented, to spare a Fortnight's time, for our Register-Book.

It is true that I want our Common-Law-Books: But I will not despair of finding some Common-Lawyer, that will pleasure us that Way. Otherwise, I believe, it will fall out, that it will be one of my last Cogitations, and Charges, if no Man of so many will vouchsafe so small a Gift.

As for Mr. *Barnes*, when my Books shall be there, it may be agreed between you, what time you will begin. For I hope you have provided, that your Prefaces shall be ready: And then for all things else, you shall have Leisure at will, before the Act.

I pray you take the Pains to tell *Henry Ball* of *Glocester-Hall*, that *Sir Jo. Parker* is not in *London*, but is hourly looked for. Thus I leave you.

April 4.

Your faithful Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

CCXXIV.

IR,

**T**His Day fortnight I sent you the Supplies of the Imperfections of *Tractatus Doctorum*, which, I do not understand, whether you have received. I pray you write to *Jo. Smith*, to provide

400 Chains against 3 Weeks before the Act. Which I think will be timely enough: Withal I would willingly know what store you have left of Clips, Chains, and Wire. Let me know by your next, whether you have *Ant. Batrini super 6 Decretal.*

Mr. Warden of New-College will be able to tell you, whether the Bishop of *Wenchester* have given 50 l. as Mr. *Chaundler*. For I doubt it much. I pray you signify unto me whether Mr. *Scarchfield* be Doctor of Divinity, and how his Name is truly written. Of Mr *Price*, I hear nothing, whereas if he and I might confer I would easily plot to get those Books. Wherewith I commend you to God's good Tuition.

London,  
March 21.

Your affectionate Friend,

Tho. Bodley.

Looking for Bovio his Treatises, I do only find *Fulmine di Bovio*, whereas there are two other Tracts at the last of his, either in the same Volume or in some other: For which it will be very requisite, that at your Leisure times you should survey every Volume again, for that otherwise, when they come to printing, we shall make the Library poorer than it is. For the Hebrew and Greek-Books, at my Coming next to Oxon, I will take such Order, as the *Ti-tiles*



*ties shall be rightly set down in your Print. Again adieu. I pray you write me what you have of Poterius's Works, for that your Catalogue is obscure in the rehearsal.*

CCXXV.

SIR,

**T**Hat which I heard of Mr. Casaubon's Purpose, Mr Olewianus a German-Gentleman told me. I think you know the Party: But withal I was told, which I heard of another, that he meant to return, and remain in *France*. Some Occasions urge him to it, for which I am sorry. For the Stationers Gift, I am of your Opinion, that it is to be accounted, a Gift of good Moment: And I think I had hardly thought upon it, if you had not moved the Matter at first: For the effecting whereof, I have found notwithstanding many Rubs and Delays. Not only Mr. *Gent*, but other Friends of mine, recommend you unto me, for the Care and the Time that you bestow in overseeing the Works of my Masons, for which I hold my self highly beholding unto you. I intreated Mr. *Taylor*, at his last being with me, to cast an Eye now and then upon my Work-men, but yet I did not appoint him a special Overseer, for that to tell you Truth, (and only to your self)

self) I find foolish Jealousies among our Overseers, how few soever I have named. But a Man must do nothing, that will not abide, to meet with some Crosses. It is hot among us in Speech, that the King hath said, he will publish out of Hand, who shall be our Metropolitan. Whether *Winchester* or *London*, it is very uncertain, but either, I hope, will fit the University, though it may be, you and I would be partial for *London*. Vale.

Your affectedly assured,

Tho. Bodley.

*I am told by some that the Form of the Door in my Building is much disliked of some. I pray you signify your own Opinion, and what is thought of the most judicious.*

SIR,

CCXXVI.

**I** Pray you send me Word, how many foot of Ground the University hath in breadth Eastward from the School-Doors, and likewise in Length Southward from the North-Corner of the Schools. For when I come in Place to talk of building the Schools, I cannot answer that Question. Likewise how many Foot from the North-Coine of the great Window of the Library, to the North-End of the Wall of the Library exclusive.

CCXXVII.



SIR,

I Sent in this last Collection of Books Sir *Tho. Moor's* Works of the Gift of Sir *William Roper*, whose Book I had rather keep, than that which you had before, because he was of his Kindred. And therefore I pray you deliver your former Book to Mr. *Gent*, who hath given Books of twice the Value for it, to Mr. *Hakewil*, whose Gift that former was: And those which Mr. *Gent* gave in Exchange, are printed in the Name of Mr. *Hackewil*, in Lieu of that one Volume to Mr. *Hackewil's* Liking.

Tho. Bodley.

CCXXVIII.

SIR,

Your Letter met me being booted to go forth of *London*: Yet my Haft was not such, but that I thought it fit to let you understand, that the new Disposition of the Books in the Library, doth depend upon another Resolution of mine, which I will impart hereafter unto you, when I shall have taken a full Determination. As touching the Globes the use of them is very small, and I am fully perswaded within two or three Years they will be very little worth: For which I could be contented they should be sold, and I will im-

employ the Mony in Books for the Library. Whereupon I would request you, to essay what will be given, and to advertise me of it. If that Conference of the Fathers, may be conveniently performed within the Library it self, I will willingly assent unto it: Otherwise the Precedent of Lending or Carrying out any Books, you know, is full of Danger and Prejudice unto the Library: For which I will never hearken unto it, and therefore I request you to concur with me in that Regard, wherewith I commend you to God's gracious Keeping.

London,  
Dec. 1.

*Your ever assured Friend*

Tho. Bodley

CCXXIX.

SIR,

**Y**OU shall do me a special Pleasure, to let me know from you, the Particularities of the Courses, that are held with Dr. *Homson*. When he is appointed to answer, and before whom, and who they are that have censured his Sermon, with every other Circumstance that shall be material. For I repute it a Matter much importing the Honour and Credit of the University, and to say the very Truth, the whole Church of this Realm, that he should be censured severely, and either made to recant his Malicious Tax-

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ations of those he termeth *Glossers*, or should not be suffered to dwell and hatch his new-Fangleness in the University, nor injoy those Livings, that he possesseth in the State, as a Person well affected to Religion here authorised. I pray you forget not, to let me hear in what Order, *P. Williams* gave Consent unto the Vice-Chancellor, touching those Particulars, which were enjoyned unto him, by my Lord Chancellor. Withal I would know, whether you have placed, the first Volume of the Councils, printed at *Rome*, in the Library. Concerning Wainscots I have written my Mind to Mr. *Gent*, desiring only to be informed, when the Painters may begin, without Fear of Annoyance, that the Joyners raising the Dust in their Works, may not mar their Colours. My Books I would also send, as soon as you shall think it fit time for their placing: and whether it will be needful, that you send to the Smith, to furnish you with Chains, I do not doubt but you consider. I shall intreat you to let me know, whether you shall have Occasion, to start hither ere be long ( for more than a Start I would not willingly have it ) because I have somewhat, that I desire very much to impart unto you, though it require no great hast. But I am willinger to do it by Word of Mouth

Mouth than otherwise. Thus much till  
the next Occasion be offered. *Vale.*

Fulham,  
Sept. 16.

*Your ever assured,*  
Tho. Bodley.

CCXXX.

*A Letter of Sir Tho. Bodley to - - - -*

SIR,

**I** Pray you let me intreat you, to send  
your Man to Mr. *James*, and to tell  
him from me, that Mr. *Coryat* the famous  
Traveller will be at the Act, and sith he  
hath bestowed one of his Books on the  
Library, which is in the Custody of Mr.  
*Thomas Allen*, I would request him to send  
for it and to place it for the time in some  
such Place in the Library, as he may  
seem to have magnified the Author and  
the Book.

CCXXXI.

*A Letter of Sir Tho. Bodley to Dr.  
Rives Vice-Chancellor of Oxon.*

SIR,

**I** Know there be many, that fain would  
have me hasten, their free Access un-  
to the Library: Which hath been ever my  
Endeavour, to perform as soon as might  
be. I did only first desire, that by some  
slightly Shew of Books, the Place might  
receive the greater Grace and Reputation,

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and thereby minister more Contentment to Students and Strangers. For I have ever been perswaded, That the better Credit it carrieth, for Store and Worth of Books, the sooner most Men will be drawn, not only to Affect it, but to Advance and Enrich it, with some of their best and rarest Authors: As well to manifest their Love to the University, as to bring such a Place of publick Study, to a State of Singularity. And although in that Respect I do not rest as yet satisfied, with this Quantity of Books, that I have gathered already: Yet because I am unwilling, that the Hope of having more, should stop the Use of these in being, To the Prejudice perhaps of many Men's Profiting in their Private Studies, I would intreat you therefore now, to acquaint the University with my full Resolution, which is, if they be so contented, To set the Library open for Students to frequent it, before the next Act.

But as there can be little Hope of either good Usage, or long Continuance, of any Foundation of that Nature, without Orders and Statutes for the Government of it: So I cannot but make bold, to recommend the same in earnest wise, to their effectual Consideration. I could easily conjecture (such hath been their wonted

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Favour ) that they will willingly conform their manner of Proceeding, to what Project soever I shall deliver. Yet knowing, as I do, mine own Insufficiency, for a Matter of that Moment, I will by no Means undertake, to contrive it of my self. Only this I do desire they may understand, That because it is an Action that concerneth me nearer, than any one who-soever, and therefore drives me to meditate more seriously upon it, I will now impart unto them, and from time to time hereafter, what to me in my Judgment, seemeth meet to be ordained: Referring it still, whatsoever I shall signify, to be Reformed, Rejected, or Accepted, as they shall finally determine.

As now for the present, my Opinion is this, That before they go about to establish Statutes for Continuance, it would avail very much, to make Proof before Hand, for one whole Year, how all things will be guided, by the Practice of some few, of their ancient Orders: And then after to go forward, upon a deeper Inspection into all Inconveniencies, with a perfect Plot of Government. For I see that divers Constitutions, which were formerly devised for the use of the former Library, may still be revived and received again as Authentical and Good, with some



little Alteration. They are all recorded, as I take it, in their publick Statute-Books, of which to serve the present Turn, I have noted these to be the chiefest.

*First*, As soon as the Room was replenished with Books, before that Liberty would be granted, for any to frequent it, there was a special Day assigned, and Committees deputed, for taking an Oath of every Graduate, and of so many besides, as by Licence were allowed to study in that Place. The Form of that Oath is expressly there set down, with this Addition to it, that every Graduate always after, at the time of his Admission, should take the same precisely. Whether now the like again may be thought a fit Oath, to be publickly ministred; (whereunto for my self I do very much incline) or whether it may suffice, that they have sworn already in general Terms, to observe all the Statutes of the University, I leave to them to be discussed; which I make no doubt they will perform, so as now every Graduate, as well as hereafter, may hold himself thereby religiously tied, to tend the Safety and Good of the Library.

An other meet Point for them to decide, is touching the Quality of these  
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Persons, to whom it shall be lawful, to enjoy the Freedom there of Study. There was a Limitation in the former Decrees, permitting it only unto Graduates, and to the Sons of Lords of the Parliament-House: But enjoyning withal that no Batchelor Graduate, excepting Batchelors of Divinity, and Licentiates in every Faculty, might study in the Library, without their Habits and Hoods: Unless they had formerly taken the Degree of a Master, or procured a Dispensation from the Congregation-House. This Limitation, I suppose, (submitting my Opinion to their Reformation) may be suffered still to stand in force: But with some further Qualification, That any Gentleman-Stranger, may have Liberty to enter, so he come accompanied with a Graduate, or some other that is sworn, and will answer on his Oath, for such as shall come with him. For I doubt very much, it would be reputed a defective Constitution, if when Persons of Nobility and eminent Calling, with a great many others of Merit and Worth, shall shew themselves so bountiful, in helping to furnish their Store-House with Books, there should be no Proviso made, for their Access unto the Place. Whereupon I could wish in my slender Discourse, when any Gentle-



man of sort, shall at any time request, for his Furtherance in some Study, to come in of himself, as well as with another, and like as every Graduate, to become a Freeman of the Library, that his License then should pass by Way of a Grace, and that there should be no Refusal, without some Cause of great Exception: But always with Condition, that he shall frame himself to take the accustomed Oath, or promise to keep it, or his Honour, if his Dignity and State, shall require that Pre-eminence.

Furthermore, there is somewhat, now at first, to be duly considered, in that which of ancient [time] was decreed, about the Election, Function, and Stipend of the Library-Keeper; in whose Fidelity and Care they are chiefly to rely, for the managing of this Business. But as touching this Election, I must become an humble Suitor to the University, that they will ratify the choice, which I have made already: Over forwardly perhaps, as not of any right belonging unto me; but yet forced unto it, for many urgent Occasions, which craved as soon as my manual Works were finished, the present Assistance of a diligent Keeper: so as then I admitted Mr. *James* of New-College, upon special Presumption of their favourable

ble Liking, of whomsoever I should constitute : But of him in particular, for his Honesty and Learning, and singular Ability, to acquit himself of such a Charge: Besides his manifold Deserts, in the publick late Occasions in the University. And for the Duties appertaining to his Office and Function, although some of them be specified in the old Decrees, yet are they most of such kind, as according to the Time, and State of things present, and the discrepant Nature of this new Institution, must either be reformed, or utterly made void : As there must for other Causes be divers new ordained. Which will be then performed best, when by one Year's Observation, they shall be able to discern, where Abuses may have entrance, and what Statutes to set down for their timely Prevention. In the mean While, I should think it might content, for this first Year's Tryal, to tie the Keeper no further, by Virtue of his Oath, than, according to the Form of the Oath already prescribed to be faithful in his Custody, and diligent in opening and shutting of the Library : referring for his Hours and Days of Intermission, and for his main Direction in all other Services, to that which certain Persons appointed unto it, by publick Consent, shall advise him



him for the time. For such I would request the University to Delegate, and I will willingly joyn my Travels to theirs, whereby to ground my course of Dealing, upon a surer Foundation than mine own only Liking.

*Lastly*, for the Stipend which was allotted in time past, to the Keeper for his Service, by the Gift, as I remember, of King *Henry* the fourth, it is a Matter, in my Opinion, to be advisedly thought on, how it should be now disposed. For were it so, as I have heard, that it was conferred on the Reader of the Lady *Margaret's* Lecture, upon the Dissolution of the former Library: Sith there is at this present another new a Foot, I cannot readily conceive, how it can be well withdrawn, from the use assigned for it, in the first Donation. But being utterly ignorant, how that Matter hath been carried, I leave it to them, to decide as they please. For that which I do utter, is all in respect, of the excessive Pains and Cumbers, which will light upon the Keeper, and will undoubtedly deserve a far greater Stipend, than the Sum of twenty Pounds, which is all as yet by my Design, that is to be defaulked from the annual Rent of one hundred Marks, provided for the Library, Howbeit I have no meaning

ing, neither is it a thing, that I could accord, to have any Part of it on the suddain, deducted from the Pension of the present Reader: But only that hereafter it may be converted, when his Reading is expired, to the Purpose first intended. And when that Resolution is publickly taken, I will both for the Reader's and Keeper's Contentation, until this Reader's Place be vacant, disburse every Year the twenty Pounds, together with the Sum of his ancient Allowance.

This is all in effect that I will recommend to their present Consultation, which may suffice, I do not doubt, for this Year's Usage of the Library: Although I know that for hereafter, there must a formal Book be drawn, both of these and other Statutes, concerning the Receipt, Custody, and Imployment of the publick Revenue, and of that which is conferred of Benevolence upon it: And for the annual Choice of Overseers, to take the Keeper's Account of Books, to survey their Defects, for their Bindings, Chainings, Placings, and to enquire of all Abuses: Of which Points in like sort, when the time shall be for it, I will be careful to deliver my Private Conceit: But shall with that respect, that my Duty requireth, to alter all that I propose, as  
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they by their Experience, shall find there is Occasion.

And thus without other Ceremony, than earnest Intreaty, that you will not stick to pardon my necessary Length of writing, and when the time shall be for it, to make Report of the Tenor to the University, I bid you very heartily and happily farewell.

From London,  
March 27. 1602.

Your very assured Friend,  
Tho. Bodley.

CCXXXII.

*A Letter from Sir Tho. Bodley to Sir Francis Bacon.*

*My Good Cousin,*

**A**Ccording to your Request in your Letter (dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of October at Orleans, I received here the 18<sup>th</sup> of December) I have sent you by your Merchant 30 *l. Sterling* for your present Supply, and had sent you a greater Sum, but that my extraordinary Charge this Year hath utterly unfurnished me. And now, Cousin, though I will be no severe Extractor of the Account. either of your Money or Time, yet for the Love I bear you, I am very desirous, both to satisfy myself, and your Friends how you prosper in your Travels, and how you find your self bettered thereby, either in Knowledge of

of God, or of the World ; the rather, because the Days you have already spent abroad, are now both sufficient to give you Light, how to fix your Self and End with Counsel, and accordingly to shape your Course constantly unto it. Besides, it is a vulgar Scandal unto the Travellers, that few return more religious than they went forth ; wherein both my Hope and Request is to you, that your principal Care be to hold your Foundation, and to make no other use of informing your self in the Corruptions and Superstitions of other Nations, than only thereby to engage your own Heart more firmly to the Truth. You live indeed in a Country of two several Professions, and you shall return a Novice, if you be not able to give an Account of the Ordinances, Strength, and Progress of each, in Reputation, and Party, and how both are supported, balanced and managed by the State, as being the contrary Humours, in the Temper of Predominancy whereof, the Health or Disease of that Body doth consist. These things you will observe, not only as an *English*-man, whom it may concern, to what Interest his Country may expect in the Consciences of their Neighbours; but also, as a Christian, to consider both the Beauties and Blemishes, the Hopes and Dangers of  
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the Church in all Places. Now for the World, I know it too well, to perswade you to dive into the Practices thereof; rather stand upon your own Guard, against all that attempt you thereunto, or may practise upon you in your Conscience, Reputation, or your Purse. Resolve, no Man is wise or safe, but he that is honest: And let this Perswasion turn your Studies and Observations from the Complement and Impostures of the debased Age, to more real Grounds of Wisdom, gathered out of the Story of Times past, and out of the Government of the present State. Your Guide to this, is the Knowledge of the Country and the People among whom you live: For the Country though you cannot see all Places, yet if, as you pass along, you enquire carefully, and further help your self with Books that are written of the Cosmography of those Parts, you shall sufficiently gather the Strength, Riches, Traffick, Havens, Shipping, Commodities, Vent, and the Wants and Disadvantages of Places. Wherein also, for your good hereafter, and for your Friends, it will be fit to note their Buildings, Furnitures, their Entertainments; all their Husbandry, and ingenious Inventions, in whatsoever concerneth either Pleasure or Profit.

For the People, your Traffick among  
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them, while you learn their Language, will sufficiently instruct you in their Habilities, Dispositions, and Humours, if you a little enlarge the Privacy of your own Nature, to seek Acquaintance with the best sort of Strangers, and restrain your Affections and Participation, for your own Country-Men of whatsoever Condition.

In the Story of *France*, you have a large and pleasant Field in three Lines of their Kings, to observe their Alliances and Successions, their Conquests, their Wars, especially with us; their Councils, their Treaties; and all Rules and Examples of Experiences and Wisdom, which may be Lights and Remembrances to you hereafter, to judge of all Occurrents both at home and abroad.

Lastly, for the Government, your end must not be like an Intelligencer, to spend all your time in fishing after the present News, Humours, Graces or Disgraces of Court, which happily may change before you come home; but your better and more constant Ground will be, to know the Consanguinities, Alliances, and Estates of their Princes; Proportion between the Nobility and Magistracy; the Constitutions of their Courts of Justice; the State of their Laws, as well for the making, as the Execution thereof: How  
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the Sovereignty of the King infuseth it self into all Acts and Ordinances ; how many ways they lay Impositions and Taxations, and gather Revenues to the Crown. What be the Liberties and Servitudes of of all Degrees; what Discipline and Preparations for Wars ; what Invention for increase of Traffick at home, for multiplying their Commodities, encouraging Arts and Manufactures, or of Worth in any kind. Also what good Establishment, to prevent the Necessities and Discontentment of People, to cut off Suits at Law, and Duels; to suppress Thieves, and all Disorders.

To be short, because my Purpose is not to bring all your Observations to Heads, but only by these few to let you know what manner of Return your Friends expect from you ; let me, for all these and all the rest, give you this one Note, which I desire you to observe as the Counsel of a Friend, Not to spend your Spirits, and the precious time of your Travel, in a captious Prejudice and Censuring of all things, nor in an Infectious Collection of base Vices and Fashions of Men and Women, or general Corruption of these times, which will be of use only among Humorists, for Jest and Table-Talk: bur rather strain your Wits and Industry  
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foundly to instruct your self in all things between Heaven and Earth, which may tend to Virtue, Wisdom, and Honour, and which may make your Life more profitable to your Country, and your self more comfortable to your Friends, and acceptable to God.

And to conclude, let all these Riches be treasured up, not only in your Memory, where time may lessen your Stock; but rather in good Writings, and Books of Account, which will keep them safe for your Use hereafter.

And if in this time of your liberal Traffick, you will give me any Advertisement of your Commodities in these kinds, I will make you as liberal a Return from my self and your Friends here, as I shall be able.

And so commending all your good Endeavours, to him that must either wither or prosper them, I very kindly bid you farewell.

*Your's to be cammanded,*

Thomas Bodley.

CCXXXIII.

*Another Letter from Sir Tho. Bodley  
to Sir Francis Bacon.*

SIR,

**A**S soon as Term was ended, supposing your Leisure to be more than  
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before, I was coming to thank you two or three times, rather chusing to do it by Word than Letter, but was still disappointed of my Purpose, as I am at this present upon an urgent Occasion, which doth tie me fast to *Fulham*, and hath made me now determine to impart my Mind by writing. I think you know I have read your *Cogitata & Visa*; which I have done with great Desire, reputed it to be a Token of your singular Love, that you joyned me with those of your chiefest Friends, to whom you would commend the first Perusal of your Draught: For which I pray you give me Leave to say this; first, That if the Depth of my Affection to your Person and Spirit, and to your Work and Words, and to all your Abilities, were as highly to be valued, as your Affection is to me, it might walk with your's Arm in Arm, and claim your Love by just Desert: But there can be no Comparison, where our States are so uneven, and our Means to demonstrate our Affections so different; in so much as for my own, I must leave it to be prised in the Nature that it is, and you shall evermore find it addicted to your Worth.

As touching the Subject of your Book, you have set on Foot so many rare and noble Speculations, as I cannot chuse but wonder

wonder (and shall wonder at it ever) that your Expence of time, considered in your Publick Profession, which hath in a manner no Acquaintance with any Scholarship or Learning, you should have culled out the Quintessence, and sucked up the Sap of the chiefest Kinds of Learning: For howsoever in some Points you vary altogether from that which is, and hath been ever the received Doctrine of our Schools; and was always by the wisest (as still they are deemed) of all Nations and Ages adjudged the truest; yet it is apparent, that in those very Points, and in all your Proposals and Plots in that Book, you show your self a Master-Workman. For my self, I must confess, and do speak it *Ingenue*, that for Matter of Learning, I am not worthy to be reckoned among Smatterers. Howbeit, sith it may seem, that being willing to communicate this Treatise to your Friends, you are likewise willing to listen to whatsoever they can except against it: I must deliver unto you that for my private Opinion, I am one of that Crew that say there is, and we possess a far greater Holdfast of Certainty in the Sciences, than you by your Discourse will seem to acknowledge: For, where at first you do object the ill Success and Errors



of Practitioners of *Physick* ; you know as well they proceed of the Patient's Unruliness, ( for not one Man in an hundred does obey his Physician in observing his Counsels ) or by mis-Information of their own Indisposition, ( for few are able in that kind to explicate themselves ) or by Reason their Diseases are by Nature incurable, which is incident, you know, to many Maladies ; or for some other hidden Cause, cannot be discovered by Course of Conjecture. Howbeit, I am full of this Belief, That as *Physick* is ministered now a Days by Physicians, it is much to be ascribed to their Negligence or Ignorance, or other Touch of Imperfection, that they speed not better in their Practice ; for few are found of that Profession so well instructed in their Art, as they might be by the Precepts which their Art affordeth ; which if it be defective in regard of full Perfection, yet certainly it doth flourish with admirable Remedies, such as Tract of Time hath taught by experimental Events, and are the high way to that principal Knowledge which you recommeud. As for *Alchimy* and *Magick*, some Conclusions they have worth the preserving, but all their Skill is so accompanied with Subtleties and Guils, as both the Crafts and Craftsmasters

Masters are not only despised, but named with Derision: Whereupon to make good your principal Assertion, methinks you should have drawn the most of your Examples from that which is taught in the Liberal Sciences, not by pecking out Cases that happen very seldom, and may by all Confession be subject to reproof; but by controuling the Generals and Grounds, and invent Positions and Aphorisms, which the greatest Artists and Philosophers have from time to time defended: For it goeth currant amongst all Men of Learning, that those Kinds of Arts which Clarks, in time past, termed the *Quadrivials*, confirm their Propositions by infallible Demonstrations; and likewise in the Trivials, such Lessons and Directions are delivered unto us, as will effect very near, or as much altogether as every Faculty doth promise. Now in case we should concur to do as you advise, which is, to renounce our common Notions, and cancel all our Theorems, Axioms, Rules, and Tenents, and to come as Babes, *ad Regnum Naturæ*, as we are willed by Scripture to come *ad Regnum Cælorum*; there is nothing more certain to my Understanding, than that it would instantly bring us to Barbarism, and after many thousand Years, leave us more unprovi-



ded of Theorical Furniture than we are at this present ; for it were indeed to become very Babes, *Tabula Rasa*, when we shall keep no Impression of any former Principles, but be driven to begin the World again, and to travel by Trial of Actions and Sense ( which are your Proofs by particulars ) what to place in *Intellectu*, for our general Conceptions, it being a Maxim of all Men's approving, *In Intellectu Nihil est quod non prius fuit in Sensu* : And so in Appearance it would befall us that till *Plato's* Years be come about, our Insight in Learning would be in less esteem than now it is accounted. As for that which you inculcate of a Knowledge more excellent than now it is among us, which Experience might produce, if we would essay to retract it out of Nature by particular Probations; it is no more upon the Matter, but to cite to us that which, without Instigation, by natural Instinct, Men would practise of themselves; for it cannot in Reason be otherwise thought, but that there are infinite Numbers in all Parts of the World ( for we may not in this Case confine our Cogitations within the Bounds of *Europe* ) which embrace the Course you propose with all Diligence and Care that any Ability can perform; for every man is born with an Appetite

Appetite of Knowledge, wherewith he cannot be so glutted, but still as in Drop-sies, they will thirst after more; but yet why they should hearken to any such Perswasion, as wholly to abolish those settled Opinions, and general Theorms to which they have attained, and their own and their Ancestor's former Experience, I see nothing yet alledged to induce me to think it. Moreover, I may speak with good Probability, that if we shall make a mental Survey, what is like to be effected all the World over, those five or six Inventions which you have selected, and imagine to be but of modern Standing, will make but a slender Show, among more than many hundreds of many kinds of Notions, which are daily brought to light by the Inforcement of Wit or casual Event, and may be compared, and partly preferred above those you have named: But were it so here, that all were admitted that you can require, the Augmentation of our Knowledge, and that all our Theorems, and general Positions were utterly extinguished with a new Substitution of others in their Places, what Hope may we have of any Benefit to Learning by this Alteration: Assuredly as soon as the new ate brought *ad aulw*, by the Inventors and their Followers, by an inter-



changable Course of natural things, they will fall by Degrees to be buried in Oblivion, and so in continuance perish outright, and that perchance upon the like to your present Pretences, by Proposal of some means to advance our Knowledge to a higher Pitch of Perfection; for still the same Defects Antiquity found, will reside in Mankind, and therefore other Uses of their Actions, Devices, and Studies, are not to be expected than is apparently by Record in former Time observ'd. I remember here a Note which *Paterculus* made of the incomparable Wits of the *Grecians* and *Romans*, in their flourishing States, that there might be this Reason of the notable Downfal in their Issue which came after, because by Nature, *quod Summo Studio petatum est, ascendit in summum, difficilisq; in perfectio Mora est*; insomuch that Men perceiving that they could not go further, being come to the Top, they turned back on their own Accord, forsaking those Studies that are most in Request, and betaking themselves to new Endeavours, as if the thing they had sought had been by Prevention foreprised by others: So it fared in particular with the Eloquence of that Age, that when their Successors found they could hardly equal, but by no Means excel

cel their Predecessors, they began to neglect the Study thereof, and both to write and speak, for many hundred Years, in a rustical Manner, till this latter Revolution brought the Wheel about again, by inflaming gallant Spirits to give a fresh Onset, with straining and striving to clime unto the Height and Top of Perfection, not in that Gift alone, but in every other Skill of any Part of Learning : For I hold it not an erroneous Conceit to think of every Science, that as now they are professed, so they have been before in all precedent Ages, though not the like in all Places, nor at all times alike in ours, and the same, but according to the Changes and Turnings of Times, with a more exact or plain, or with a more rude and obscure kind of Teaching. If the Question should be asked, what Proof I have of it ? I can produce the Doctrine of *Aristotle*, and the deepest learned Clarks, whom we have any Means to take Notice of, that, as there is of other things, so there is of Sciences, *Ortus & Interitus* ; which is also the meaning, if I should expound it, of *Nihil novum sub Sole*, and is as well to be applied, *ad facta* as *dicta*, *ut Nihil neq; factum neq; dictum quod non dictum et factum prius*. I have further for my Warrant, that famous Complaint  
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of *Solomon* to his Son, against the infinite making of Books in his time: Of which in all Congruity it must be understood, that a very great Part were Observations and Instructions in all kinds of Literature, of which there is not now so much as one petty Pamphlet (only some Part of the Bible excepted) remaining to Posterity, as there was not then any bound of Millions of Authors that were long before *Solomon*; yet we must give Credit to what he affirmed, that whatsoever was then, or had been before, it could never be averred, Behold, this is New. Whereupon I must for final Conclusion infer, seeing all Endeavours, Studies, and Knowledge of Mankind in whatsoever Art or Science, have ever been the same as at this present, though full of Mutabilities, according to the Changes and accidental Occasions of Ages, and Countrys, and Clark's Dispositions, which can never be but subject to Intention and Remission, both in their Desires, and in the Practices of their Knowledge; if now we should accord in Opinion with you, first to condemn our present Knowledge of Doubts and Incertitude; but you confirm, but by Averment, without other Force of Argument, than to disclaim all our Axioms, Maxims, and general Assertions that are left by Tradition

Tradition from our Elders unto us, which have passed ( as it is to be intended ) all Probations of the sharpest Wits that ever were.

And, Lastly ; to devise ( being now become *A, B, C, Darij* ) by the frequent spelling of Particulars, to come to the Notice of new Generals, and so afresh to creat new Principles of Sciences ; the end of all would be, that when we shall be dispossessed of the Learning we have, all our consequent Travel will but help in a Circle to conduct us to the Place from whence we set forward, and bring us to the Happiness to be restored *in integrum*, which will require as many Ages as have marched before us to be perfectly atchived. All which I write with no Dislike of encreasing our Knowledge with new Devices, which is undoubtedly a Practice of high Commendation, in regard of the Benefit they will yield for the present. And the World hath ever been, and will assuredly continue full of such Devisers, whose Industry, that Way, hath been eminent, and produced strange Effects, above the Reach and Hope of Men's common Capacities ; yet our Notions and Theorems have always kept in Grace, both with them, and with the rarest that ever were nominated amongst the Learned.



ed. By this you see to what Boldness I am brought by your Kindness, that if I seem too sawcy in this Contradiction, it is the Opinion I hold of your noble Disposition, and of the Freedom in these Cases that you will afford your special Friends, which hath induced me to it. Now though I my self, like a Carrier's Horse, cannot blanch the beaten Way, in which I was trained, yet such is my Censure of your *Cogitata*, that I must tell you (to be plain) you have much wronged your self and the World, to smother such a Treasure so long in your Coffer; for though I stand well assured (touching the Tenour and Subject of your main Discourse) you are not able to impannel a substantial Jury in any University that will give up a Verdict to acquit you of Error; yet it cannot be gainsaid, that all your Treatise over doth abound with choice Conceits of the present State of Learning, and with so worthy Contemplations of the means to procure it, as may perswade, with any Student, to look more narrowly to his Business, not only by aspiring to the greatest Perfection of that which is now a Days divulged in the Sciences, but by diving yet deeper, as it were, into the Bowels and Secrets of Nature, and by Inforcing the Power of his Judgment and Wit, to  
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learn of St. Paul, *Consectari meliora Dona*: Which Course would to God (to whisper so much in your Ears) you had followed at first, when you fell to the Study of such a thing as was not worthy such a Student: Nevertheless, being as it is, that you were therein settled, and your Country soundly served, I can but wish, withal my Heart, as I do very often, that you may gain a full Reward to the full of your Deserts, which I hope will come with Heaps of Happiness and Honour.

Fulham,

Feb. 19. 1607.

*Yours to be used and commanded,*

Thomas Bodley.

## Post-script.

SIR,

ONE kind of Boldness doth draw on another, insomuch, that methinks I should offend, not to signify, that before the Transcript of your Book be fitted for the Press, it will be requisite for you to cast a Censor's Eye upon the Style and Elocution, which in the Frame of your Periods, and in divers Words and Phrases, will hardly go for current, if the Copy brought to me be just the same that you would publish *Novum Organum*.

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*A Letter of Laur. Bodley ( Brother  
to Sir Tho. ) to Dr. James.*

SIR, *In Authore Salutis,*

THE Last Week, having received your Letter, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> February, I laid it aside after I had read it, with a Purpose the same Week to return Answer : But, when I sought it among my Papers, I could not find it. Now it may seem too long. I pray you to hold me excused : And not only, for that I have so long deferred Answer, but for that, at this time, having divers Letters to write, and being this After-noon to depart hence, I am enforced to scribble in hast these few.

For your Comfort, that you minister unto me, as unto your self, and the sincere and loving Affection that you shew towards my Brother deceased, I thank you very heartily.

Concerning the Confession of his Faith, and the manner of his Death, no Man can better inform, than Mr. Principal of Gloucester-Hall Mr. Hawley. Touching his State what it was at his Death, I cannot tell for certain : Neither do I think that  
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the Executors themselves can tell. He was willing (as himself hath set down in his Will) that I should have been Executor. But he thought I would not be troubled with such worldly Cares. Wherein he was not deceived. For indeed I told him in plain Words, more than once, that I was unwilling. Neither would I now for much take it upon me. I do not think otherwise, but that he would, you should continue that Care, Industry and Fidelity in the Office of the Library, which you have hitherto, if you please your self. And in Regard thereof, and his good Will towards you, he by his Will, hath allotted unto you a Mourning-Gown, among other his Friends. Concerning the Papers and Writings, and whatsoever concerneth the Library, I will signify to the Executors this Day, with whom I shall dine, if God will: And if you vouchsafe a Note or two unto Sir *John Bennet* concerning that Matter, you shall do well. Hoping to meet with you in *Oxford* at the Funeral, I commend you to God. Fare you well.

London, *Your very loving Friend in the Lord,*  
Feb. 17. *Laur. Bodley.*

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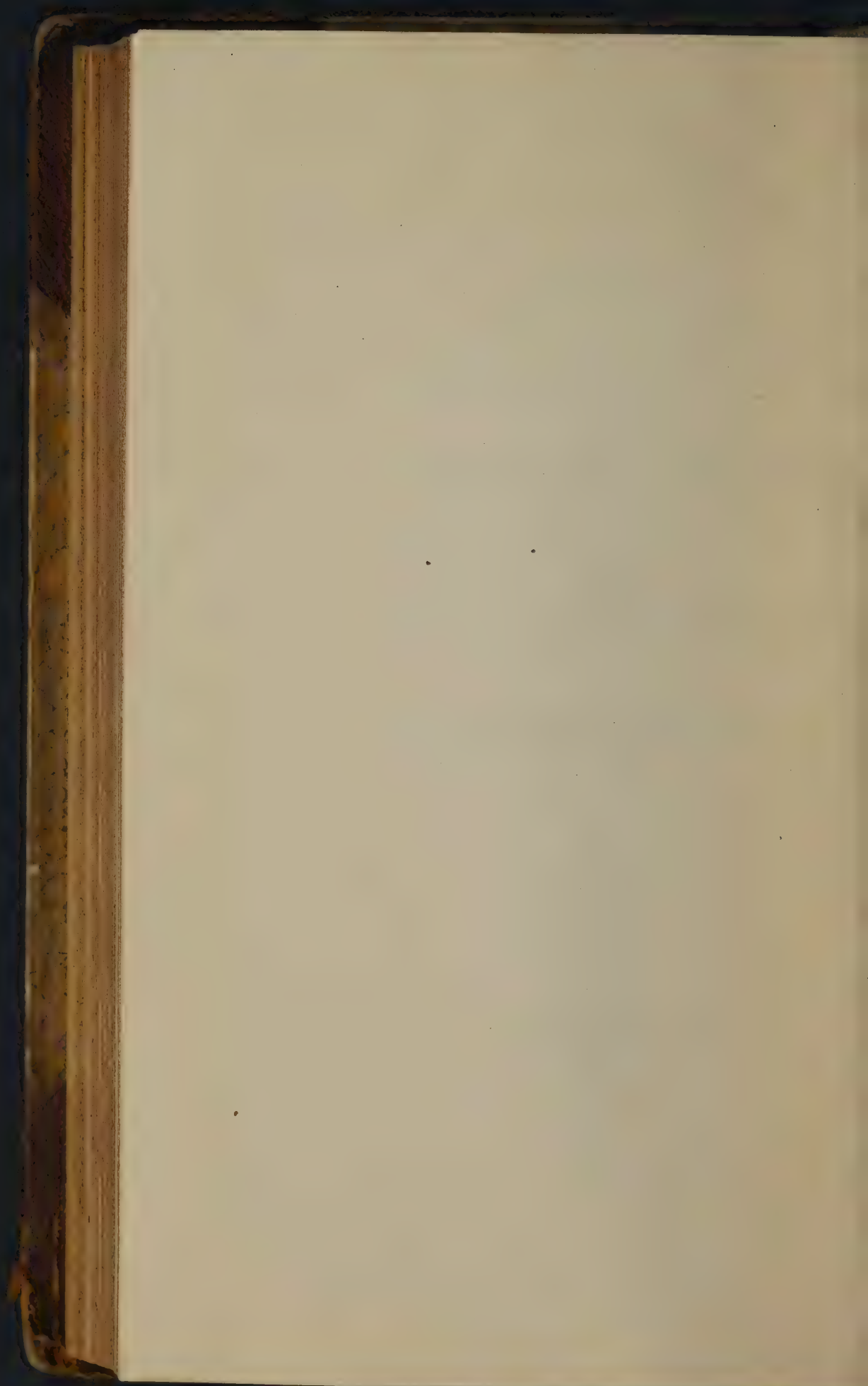
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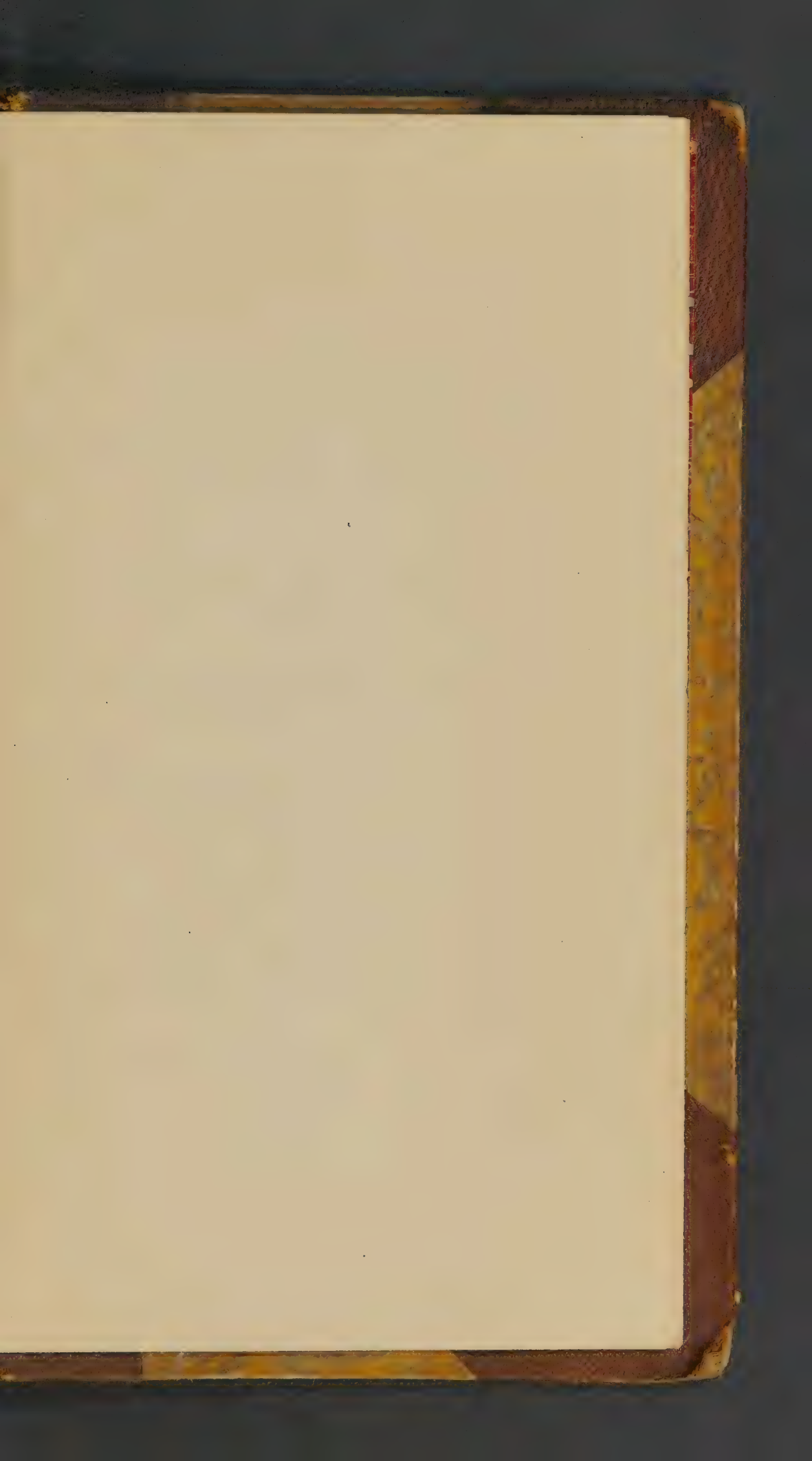
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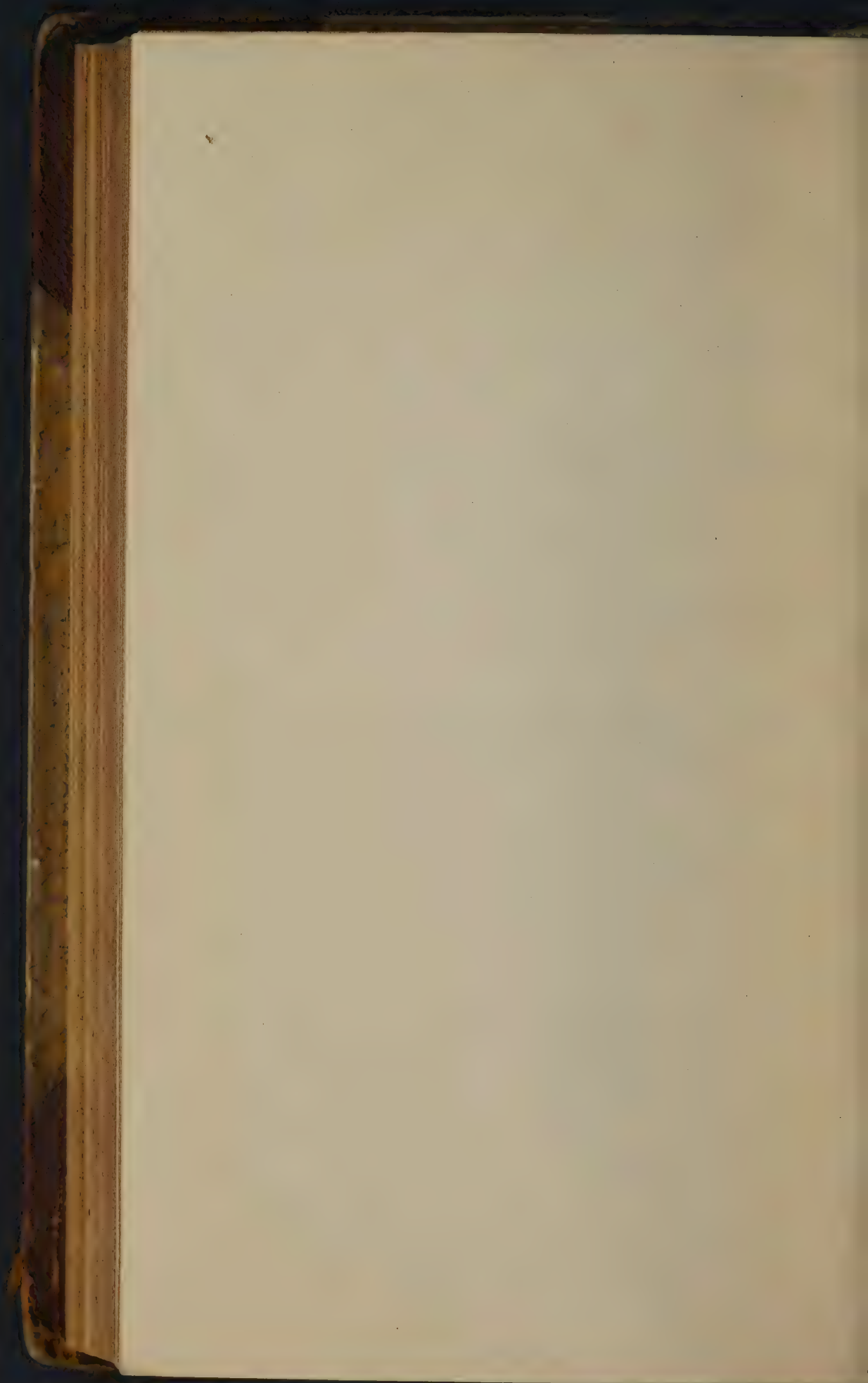












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